Identical

car made

to trace

bombers

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter Detectives investigating 1 Harrods bombing believe th

can trace some of the mot-ments of the Austin 1300 G used to hold the bomb as it w prepared by the Pravision

The car was bought from

part-time dealer in west Lond on November 22 by a man w

on November a northern accent. In the pa few days people have to Scotland Yard of sightings and around London after them

Commander William Huelesby, head of the anti-terror squad, said yesterday that tear, registration KFP 252K, w

the best clue the police had, they needed to fill in

movements before the bor

a back street or suburb

hidden in a lock-up garage.
The bomb was likely to ha

been inserted the night belo

the blast or on Saturd morning with a timing devi-which started after the car w

A replica of the Austin will placed today in Hans Cresev to jog the memories of potenti

Mr Hucklesby appealed ye

terday for people to hand in at photographs taken in the Crescent last Saturday.

"We want photographs from the state of the s

chronological picture

By last night, two dozen been handed in.

parked.

It could have been parked

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Writing on the wall Graffiti has gone up market from the ghetto to the art gallery.



Dressing up for the New Year

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the headaches of the EEC presidency
Play up, play up
Christmas holiday sports
outd-up

Humbug! Roger Scruton cries humbug to the politics of Scroogism

Brittan may back police gun plans

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, is expected to support senior police officers' sugges tions for changes in training and assessment for the use of

Steven Waldorf case,
Mr Brittan and Sir Keith
Newman, Metropolitan Police
Commissioner, are soon to discuss the issue

Canada's first woman governor

Mrs Jeanne Sauve has been appointed Canada's first woman Governor-General. Aged 61. she is at present Speaker of the Canadian House

Polish arrests

Six people, including two police officers, have been indicted in Warsaw in connexion with the death in custody last May of a young Solidarity supporter.

Angola raid

South Africa has admitted that its armed forces are engaged in a limited campaign against guerrillas of the South West Organization

Bishop alive

Honduras said that the missing American-born Catholic bishop, Mgr Schlaefer, reported by Nicaragua to have been murdered by guerrillas, was safe and would give a press conference in

Tegucigalpa today Cancer report

A report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council says people who have lung cancer because of their exposure to asbestos should be entitled to state disability benefit Page 2

Inside story

As another motorist was jailed for drinking and driving. The Times takes a look at the fate of those consigned to a police cell

GM-Toyko link

In a sweeping revision of US antitrust laws, General Motors and Toyota have been given tentative approval to build cars jointly in California Page 27

Money quiz

Family Money readers can test their memories, and re-evaluate the year's best savings tips, with the annual Christmas quiz

Kremlin gloom

After four years of fighting in Afghanistan the Kremlin appears to have lost hope of breaking the military stalemate or reaching a political settle-Page 8

Vatican tangle

American Protestants have united against White House plans to establish diplomatic ties with the Vatican

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Arafat splits PLO over meeting with Mubarak

A PLO revolt threatens Mr Yassir Arafat after his meeting in Cairo with President Mubarak upset even his moderate allies.

 President Pertini of Italy said Americans were in Lebanon to defend Israel and not peace. He wants Italian troops withdrawn.

By Our Foreign Staff

Tunis-based moderate wing of committee of the (Fatah).
the PLO protested that he had movement. broken the organization's rules by acting on his own and that principal of collective leaderresults of his talks on Thrusday

with the Egyptian leader.
In Damascus, radical PLO factions denounced by George Habash, this visit and neither the move. Mr George Habash, this visit and neither the leader of the Popular Front for movement, nor the central committee, nor the PLO is factions denounced Mr Arafat's fat) carries full responsibility for move. Mr George Habash, this visit and neither the Fatah

And Palestinian refugees in Mr. Arafat's former stronghold the Baddawi camp near Tripoli staged a demonstration, marching through the rublestrewn streets demanding that Mr Arafat be put on trail.

Mr Arafat, evacuated by sea with 4,000 of his fighters on Tuesday from Tripoli, astonished the Arab world by coming ashore in Egypt to see President Mubarak.

Egypt was suspended from the Arab League in 1979 for signing the peace treaty with Israel Palestinian leaders have consistently denounced the Egyptian action as treachery and said there could be no reconciliation with Cairo until it tore up the Camp David accords which led to the treaty.

the central committee of Fatab. largest of the eight PLO guerrilla groups and headed by Mr Arafat himself, held a crisis. meeting in Tunis to discuss his today that he was planning to move. Three other members confront his critics in Tunis for participated by telephone. Also present were four non-Farah members of the 14-man PLO

 Mr Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, visited British troops in Beirut and praised their "skilful commitment". • Israel and the US are on a collision course over the Arafat-Mubarak meeting, which has upset Mr Shamir.

Mr Yassir Arafat faced a A statement issued later in rebellion in his Palestine Liber- the name of the Fatah central ation Organisation yesterday committee said Mr Arafat's after the dramatic meeting in meeting with President Muba-Cairo with President Mubarak rak "came as an individual action and without the know-Mr Arafat's colleagues in the ledge or advice of the central

This visit contradicts the they could not be bound by the ship which is a basis and guarantee of our independent national decision-making.

"Brother Abu Ammar (Ara-

However, the statement stopped short of criticising the iro meeting.

Participants in the meeting included Mr Salah Khalaf (Abu livad), usually seen as Mr Arafa's deputy in Fatah, and Mr Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO Foreign Minister. None had backed the Fatah rebels fighting Mr Arafat in Lebanon. Other PLO officials here were

divided in their reaction to Arafat's initiative. One, close to the central committee, compared it to the late President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in 1977. "Arafat is in a critical position." he said: But another senior official

who spoke privately, hailed the t tore up the Camp David move as a master-stroke of accords which led to the treaty. diplomacy which would benefit four of the 11 members of the PLO and increase Mr Mubarak's devicatic popularity. Despite rumours here yester day that Mr Arafat was about to arrive, there was no indication

> several days at least. Mr Arafat was vesterday to be in the Red Sea

Pertini urges Italian pullout from Lebanon

From John Earle Rome

President Sandro Pertini yesterday startled the Italian Government by saying the 2,100-strong Italian contingent of the multination peacekeeping force in Beirut should be withdrawn. He said it no longer had a mission to defend the Palestinians and the Americans in any case were in Lebanon to defend Israel and not peace.
Talking to Italian journalists

who went to the Quirinale Palace to express their Christmas good wishes, the President recalled that he visited the contingent in November.

"As long as there were the Palestinians and the danger of a direct clash between them and the Israels, our presence in entangled in a war which does not concern her." The contin-gent should therefore be withdrawn. The President, who is 82, said

everyone, such as Druzes and Shia, had their interests to pursue. "even the Americans who, lets be plain, are there for the defence of Israel and not peace, and are bombing Lebanon with tons of bombs." Saving that the Italian contin-gent had earned the respect of Lebanon.



President Pertini: "Why should our soldiers die?"

the local population for their persed in the world, as the Jews

As the President spoke, Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Foreign Minister, was flying back from a two-day visit to Israel for discussions on

the islanders on the BBC of life which they can build and external services' twice weekly programme Calling the Falk-lands, Mrs Thatcher said: "I want to make one thing very, yor are all part of the same clear to you. I am not community. A life where you do clear to you. I am not negotiating the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands with

Lebanon clearly had sense," he kindness and generosity, he said. Now. Italy "risks being added: "Our soldiers, even if they are volunteers, why should they die?" He expressed preoccupation at the way the Palestinians were being disonce were, and said their leader, Mr Yassir Arafat, could not be

"the tremendous warmth of welcome" she had experienced Describing the islands' future during her visit to the Falklands as great, Mrs Thatcher added: last January.

year knowing that is absolutely

You, the people, have a right

agricultural wage, augmented this year to £79.20 for the five-

Pipers carry their own pipes and cost only the union minimum of £33 each per session at a private house. The musicians' bill would be halved

would charge £437.40 for 11 ladies dancing on two consecutive nights, 8 per cent up ou last year. The cost of leaping lords has taken a jump too, if they are to be allowed the maximum permissible expenses they could charge for mere sitting. days - up to £3.90 pach to £16.

superpowers From Our Correspondent Rome The Pope yesterday appealed rather more dangerous terri-tory. She landed first at

to the world's rulers for a change of heart saying: "It is man who kills, not his word and not even, today, his nissiles. Peace must therefore be built through a change of

throughout the world.

and South.

infinidation.
As she left the province to return to London a Christmas message to the Ulster people. warmly welcome the inviction of the Taoiseach to step ap even further our cooperation in of the world. It was necessary, the Pope said, to take stock of "the the battle against terrorism-...Jim Prior and I will do

everything in our power to achieve peaceful political pro-gress in the year ahead", Mrs Thatcher said. "Christmas is a finne of Sources in the Vatican regarded the Pope's message as an implicit reproach to the sincerity of both Washington peace and reconciliation. This peace was cruelly shattered last week in London as it has been and Moscow in their professed many times in Northern Ire-

> only be guaranteed if it was founded on respect for human rights and on a feeling of solidarity with the poor.

Pope issues rebuke to

conscience. He condemned injustice, wa and violations of human rights

More worrying than the difference between East and West were those between North

Tension between East and West, however, not only affec-ted rolations between the superpowers and their allies. but also aggravated aiready strained relations in other parts

formidable danger represented by these growing tensions and this polarization on a vast scale,

desire to stop the arms race. Peace, he emphasized, could

The police want to intervie anyone who drove in Har Crescent last Saturday deliminate all the traffic and discover if a second car wi used by the bombers. Several times entry into the one-way street was stopped t improve traffic flow and th

Scotland Yard under the Provention of Terrorism Act has been released, but a fourth ma is being held under an order renewed by the Home Sec

retary.

bombers might have bee

caught in a jam.
The police operations roor

will be manned constantly throughout the Christmas hold

Three of the four men held I

Birmingham and another Manchester.

Since last Saturday's bomb ing the anti-terrorist squad and police explosives experts have dealt with between 70 and 9 false alarms. Heavy street patrols wil

cintinue up to the start of the holiday tonight, although it is thought that if the IRA strikes again its target could be military.
The Yard said yesterday that

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Record car sales as imports fall

but the courage and

dedication of all those who

work for peace and who guard our freedom, shine through like

By Edward Townsend

Ulster Christmas: Mrs Thatcher and cheering crowds amid tight security in co Down yesterday.

The Thatchers later flew by

helicopter to several places in

co Armagh to visit members of

the security forces on duty in

where she spoke to members of

a Grenadier Guards platoon

about to go out on border

After lunching at Armagh, the Prime Minister visited the joint army an police post on the

border at Aughmocloy, co Tyrone, where she repeated the

ssued from Stormo

add Barracks, Armagh,

Well-wishers mob Thatcher

on Northern Ireland visit

From Our Correspondent, Belfast

Instead, they ushered her

through the enthusiastic and cheering crowd further along

the street where she was able to

buy a £60 set of Ulster-made

Tyrone crysal glasses at an-other shop, and her husband, Mr Denis Thatcher, bought a

shirt and tie.

As uniformed police fought a good-natured baitle with the crowd, she constantly stopped to speak to light lemantly stopped an elderly bails increasing an elderly bails increasing dressed at Sasta Claus.

Among people she met at the RUC station were three survivors of the Provisional IRA home affect on a police class at

bomb attack on a police class at the Ulster Polytechnic on December 4, and a constable on

injured in another bombing last

month. She spoke also to the

widows of a police sergeant killed at the polytechnic and of

two middle-aged RUC reservists shot dead as they jointly walked the beat in Down-patrick two months ago.

"How much we owe to the

widows who are here and how much we admire their strength and fortitude in the very difficult days through which they have had to pass," she told he police andience.

give the young people a chance to know that they have the kind

which has become traditional in the Falkland Islands.

things for one another, and a life where you hope gradually to

attract more people and more business to the Falklands Islands."

"A life of effort. A life where-

Thatcher's sovereignty

pledge to Falklanders

By Tony Samstag.

to determine your own future. Islands."

That is not negotiable. So you can look forward to the new her family would never forget

outside which she had

from a discreetly

town's largest department

armoured Jaguar.

shirt and tie.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher

Ireland's front-line police and troops yesterday after deliver-

ing a fierce denunciation of the IRA during a six-hour visit to

In a strong deciaration of the

Government's resolve not to succumb to terrorist coercion,

the Prime Minister told police

officers and a handful of women widowed by terrorists:

Democracy is the rejection of

violence and we are never going to be defeated by hombs and

bullets - not here of presence else in the world. We believe in our way of life

In a tribute to the Secretary

of State for Northern Ireland

Mr James Prior, she described

dedicated to the people of the

Her three-minute unscripted

speech was delivered in the

fortress-like Royal Ulster

Constabulary station at New-

townards, co Down, 10 miles from Belfast, where well-wish-ers almost engulfed her at the

So great was the crush

surrounding her in the centre of the staunchly loylaist town that

senior police officers chose not to force a way through for her to make an intended call at the

Minister said last night.

anyone. They are British.

In her Christmas message to

povince."

the province.

Northern

The sovereignty of the Falk. We are trying to do sverything land Islands is not to be a we can to build that new matter for negotiation in the airport, to rebuild the structure new year if ever, the Prime of the Falkland Islands and to Britain's car industry will end 1983 with record sales - well in excess of the 1.72 million recorded in 1979 - and with the satisfaction of having beaten down importers to just over 52 per cent of the market.

> With just 11 days of 1983 left. new car sales for the year are more than 64,000 higher than for the previous record year.

In 1979, total car sales were 1.716 million but with almost two weeks to go before the end of the year sales are already 1.781 million according to the returns from the industry monitored by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders., Importers' share of the market was 52.4 per cent compared with 54.5 per cent a

As expected. Ford remains the market leader with 31.3 per cent of the British market, although the American com-pany imports large numbers of cars into Britain from its other European plants. BL was second with 18.2 per

cent of sales, well behind its target of 20 per cent, closely-followed by General Motors with 17.1 per cent.

Datson, the leading importer of Japanese cars, captined 5.2 per cent and Peugeot Talbot only 3.4 per cent. The best-selling model in the

first 20 days of December was the Ford Escort with sales of 6,413, followed by the Ford Sierra (5,658), Vauxhall Cava-lier (5,162) Bl. Metro (4,204), Ford Fiesta (3,664). Vaukhali Astra: (2,172). BL. Maestro (2,082). BL. Abclaim: (4,497). Volvo 300 series (L284). and Ford Orion (1, 143).

REGENT STREET LONDON W1

The true lover's bill goes up by £1,307 By Robin Young

The cost of true love at but would increase the bill by Christmas has increased by £348. Christmas has increased by £1,307.08 in the past 12 months, despite an annual inflation rate at its lowest for 14 years.

The total cost of all the gifts in the song. The Twelve Days of Christmas, has jamped like a lord a-leaping by 26.3 per cent to reach a total of £6,277.20

A number of economies introduced last year have been perpetuated this Christmas, but the True Lover's bill is the second biggest since The Times first reported the calculation in 1973 - when the total was only

Partridges and geese are the only items not to have risen in price. Game farms still supply live partridges at £3 each. Stuffed ones, easier to fix in pear trees, can be bought too.

Pear trees are now £6.25 each. Two-tier espaliers, at £15.90, would be another £115.80. Pairs of turtle doves, a rare and protected species, are impossible to obtain, though a single stuffed one is for hire at £11.50 a week. Even white pigeons cost £18 a pair. French heas - red jungle fowl - can be hired, stuffed, at

would be cheaper if there was time to cook them. Colly birds - blackbirds cannot be legally sold, but the taxidermists' rate is £9.20 for a week's hire. Occasionally mounted road victims can be

£13.80 a week. Oven-ready

French chickens from Harrods

bought outright for £25. The cheapest gold rings ladies' signets in nine carat -



pantomime, back page

are £18 each, and must suffice.

Barnacle geese can be adopted from the Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge, at £6 a year each. Swans, at £15 per annum, are dearer because the scheme include a hand-painted pertrait of every bird's bill pattern. Milkmaids, even maskilled

day week. Drussners are dearer, partly because this year the Musicians' Union fixed a 25 porterage charge for their

if they performed in a dance hall or public house. This year the Ballet Rambert

-Brittan likely to endorse changes in firearms training for the police

sessment of police officers no carry firearms are to be and scussed by Mr Leon Brittan, adre Home Secretary, with the Zesmmissioner of the Metroon litan Police, Sir Kenneth thnewman, in the wake of the even Waldorf case.

The meeting was announced sterday by Mr Brittan in a havatement after the Police mi omplaints Board announced badat the three detectives in-We all the Waldorf shooting intolled not face disciplinary

7 Mr Brittan is likely to meet var Kenneth after Christmas. to the Home Secretary is expected it is endorse several suggestions their improving firearms training as rawn up by a working party of phae Association of Cheif Police agofficers, including a Scotland of iard officer.

niz The changes, described by fastmr Geoffrey Dear, Assistant wit'ommissioner, last week would acrease initial training from ne to two weeks, lengthen dditional later training, assess

Changes in the training and reactions to stress and give issue of firearms but there is no better tactical instruction. Future operations involving police with fireamrs in London wili always have a senior firearms specialist on hand to

> Nearly 4,700 officers are qualified to carry guns in qualified to carry guns in London but that is likely to be reduced to give fewer men better training

Mr Brittan's statement reviewed changes in the rules on the use of guns and noted that a report from Sir Kenneth had shown "shortcomings in the selection and training of officers for firearms duties".

The Home Secretary said that further changes would take into account the selection of men who could withstand stress. There would be continual assessment after training.

The Police Complaints Board's statement on Thursday said: "during the course of the investigation a number of procedural deficiencies were discovered in the records of the

only explanation of the pro-ductivity plan and not dis-cussion of the changes that the

The 10-point "blueprint for survival" involves changes in

long-established working prac-

said that a national strike could

lead to large-scale redundancies.

have to be introduced through

of British Shipbuilders, is on

for asbestos

victims

People suffering from lung cancer because of exposure to

asbestos will be entitled to state

disability benefit under the terms of an unpublished report

now being considered by ministers at the Department of

The report by the Industrial

Injuries Advisiory Council is a

revised version of one pub-lished in November last year

and partly rejected by the

Government Asbestos safety

campaigners believe it could

cause a considerable change in

the way benefit rules are

handreds more cases being

But Mrs Ann de Peyer, the

council's secretary, said yester-day "I do not think we are

talking about large numbers being affected by the changes

The Society for the Preven-

n of Asbestosis and Indus

trial Diseases (SPAID), says,

however, the proposals will

help to end the de facto

"screening" procedures by which, for example, smokers

worked with asbestosis are

advised by doctors and solici-

tors not to proceed with a

Mrs Nancy Tait, SPAID secretary, said that in 1981 two

thirds of the 417 people

applying for industrial dis-ability benefit for asbestosis

were refused. Possibly 80 per

The society cites the case of

Mrs Georgina Stanford, an asbestos victim featured in last

year's television documentary

the recognition of lung cancer as a "prescribed" disease under

industrial injuries law when

accompanied by asbestosis or

by thickening of the pleura, or

lung linings.

cent of those would benefit

from the changes, she said.

compensated.

Health and Social Security.

suggestion that guns used in this operation [the police operation in which Mr Waldorf was shot in mistake for a wanted man! were issued without proper authority or to officers who were not regarded as competent

"The board are satisfied that these deficiencies have no bearing on the manner in which the guns were used".

Yesterday, Deputy Assistant
Commissioner James Sewell,
who led the investigation into
the Waldorf shooting, said that
the board was told that the
police inquiry discovered a
minor deficiency in gun regulations at Paddington Green police station.

The guns were issued properly and their use was noted in a register but a number of the entries were not counter-signed as reguired by regulations. Two or three entries were involved, but they did not include the men involved in the Waldorf

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Shipyards pin hope for peace on Acas

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Film chain | Benefit plan

diff Unions and management in postponed talks could involve diste shipbuilding industry are mooking to the Advisory, Conrusiliation and Arbitration Serthe ice to produce a fresh initiative unions are demanding. prevent the national shipyard

trike called for January 6.

The service's officials are naintaining close contact with tices and the management has oth parties in the hope that here could be agreed grounds or reopening negotiations on he management's £7 a week oay offer which is tied to a 10although changes in working practices are inevitable they withoint productivity plan.
ma Union leaders say that British

negotiation.

Ministers have made clear that they are not prepared to sarhipbuilders is asking for too channel too soon, but the tial nanagement has emphasized intervene in the dispute which what the productivity proposals is also threatening the future of hatmount to a survival plan dec Acas officials have been in the scott Lithgow yard in the dec Acas officials have been in lower Clyde which employs chaouch with union officials and more than 4,200 workers. Nahe management, but they are Additional pressure has been findelaying a public approach until put on the yrad by the Mathere appears to be a reasonable cancellation of an £86m oil rig the lope of bringing together the order by Britoil.

Mr Graham Day, chairman

wil British Shipbuilders has re- holiday in Canada for the next shifused to reopen negotiations two weeks and union leaders powith the unions until the strike believe there can be no resolution to the dispute until he stifthat even if the strike was returns.

monopoly

challenged

By David Hewson

Arts Correspondent

some of the monopolies of film

exhibitors and distributors for a

trial period on the recommen-

Mergers Commission.

dation of the Monopolies and

bar the practice of restricting popular films to big cinema achains for an initial period.

which has been criticized by

independents in the cinema

Mr Alex Fletcher, Under

Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and

Industry with responsibility for

corporate and consumer affairs.

said that he would ask the

Director-General of Fair Trad.

ing to give the scheme a six-

month trial in selected places

before making recommen-dations for implementing it

The system of "barring" has

But the monopolies

been vigorously defended by the

main exhibitors and distribu-

commission concluded that it

was against the public interest

and caused delays in the release

The report recommended a that no popular film could be

exhibited for more than four

weeks in any cinema unless it

had been made available to

competing theatres. The four-

week limit will be introduced in

the experiment approved by the

Department of Trade and

Seven of the leading box

office successes in Britain last year when the project of the domestic cinema industry,

according to figures issued by

the trade magazine Screen International. They were Return

of the Jedi (placed second), Ghandhi (fourth), Superman III

(sixth), Monty Python's The

Meaning of Life (tenth), The Dark Crystal (twelfth), and

Britain's most popular film

was E.T., which took a record of

more than flom at the box

Local Hero (sixteenth).

nationally.

of popular films.

The principal effect will be to

The Government is to break

Airline to fight hive-off

Lord King British Airways chairman yesterday raffirmed his determination to fight any attempt to split the airline. And the airline's trade unions said they were "outraged" at British Caledonian's proposal to hive off £200m of British Airways

In a Christmas message to staff Lord King says 1983 has been a success and 1984 will be even better. He adds: "Now that we are successful you will no doubt have noticed the oppor-tunist attempts by others to demand a part of British

Airways News MrColin Varndell, chairman of the British Airways trade union council, writes that people in British Airways may rightly feel concerned, if not outraged, at the proposals from British Caledonian that a large chunk of our routes and assets should be taken away, particularly after all the sacrifices of the past few years."

entity, with no selling off of

separate parts."

Montreal Mauritius Barbados between London and Scotland.

Holidaymakers heading to the sun, mainly Spain and Portugal, are expected to increase by 26 per cent on last year. Those taking ski holidays

Airways flights is 10 per cent up on last year, a new high. Peak routes for Christmas cards are to the United States, South Africa, Hongkong, Japan and Europe.

ractory bonus

All 1,300 employees at J C Bamford's excavator factory in Rocester, Staffordshire, have been awarded a £265 Christmas Oxford Street flyover proposed

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

A plan to build a flyover the

ength of Oxford Street in an

attempt to restore its place as

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

routes and assets.

Airways for themselves.

"My answer to that is: British Airways is staying as it is united and complete."

In the same issue of British

The British Airways trade unions would be making a submission to the Civil Aviation Authority that the future careers of those who were turning British Airways into profit should be taken into account in any review of aviation policies. "We will be paying close attention to the need to keep the airline as a single

 British Airways is expecting a busy Christmas, with record traffic to holiday sun and ski

The state airline is putting on extra flights to Geneva, Zurich, and Saudi Arabia. Additional planes will be provided on domestic flights too, especially

will be 10 per cent up, with Austria as the most popular destination.

Airmail traffic by British

Sheltering from despair

Kathleen Joyce, aged 20 (left), and Rachel Jarrett, aged 17, are two of London's many thousands of homeless young people who were facing a long Christmas week yesterday.

They are lucky enough, however, to have found places in a 20-bed hostel in Rufford Street, Islington, north London, run by Alone in London, a charity specializing in helping people aged 16 to 25, many of whom have come to the capital to find the streets paved with despair. Alone in London, one of ten similar

agencies in Greater London, counsels about

Submarines

Sinking

a few

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

Several hundred Britons will

be passing their Christmas

around the Falkland Islands to

the wintry North Atlantic and

the holiday from each of the

three main groups in the British

crew of about 147, the nuclear-

powered Fleet submarines.

which do not carry Polaris and

have a crew of 100 to 116, and

the diesel-powered Patrol sub-

All do extended patrols, which for the nuclear-powered

boats may last between two and

four months. For the most part

the submarines remain unseen

throughout their patrols; al-

though off the Falklands, where

there is usually one nuclear-

powered boat on patrol, and

occasional rendezvous with a

surface paval vessel will be

In any case, submarmers

have their own traditions for

celebrating Christmas. They

will have with them the

necessary ingredients for a

Full watch-keeping will be

maintained, with between a

that the starting and finishing

times of watches will be itself.

third and half of the crew on duty at all times, but it is likely

traditional Christmas meal.

arranged

marines with a crew of 65.

There will be at least one

many fathoms deep.

the Barents Sea.

1,200 young people a year. Its 10-month-old hostel, rented from a housing trust, is meant to supply emergency accommodation as well as training to enable its charges to find work and housing. Volunteer tutors offer courses in skills from cooking to photography and Crisis at Christmas, which is among the

sponsors of Alone in London, will provide a home for more than 1,000 people in a disused warehouse in Vauxhall. The organizers estimate they will serve more than 20,000 meals between now and (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

them to Oxfam

next year.

Greenham women

Cheering up a damp camp Peace and good will to all and it is in danger of going bad.

women has been the message at We have decided to match the the Greenbarn Common camp police and have made up in Berkshire, where more than parcels of Christmas goodies 100 women and children will be which peace women will deliver celebrating a cold, damp and to old people's homes in

The homeless

napy fathoms deep.

Unlike previous Christmass.

They are the crews of the few when only a few peace proubmarines on patrol in waters testers have held the fort at Eva Webb added: "There is so be much clothing at the camp that tive we have filled 200 plastic binranging from the South Atlantic Greenham. 1983 will remembered as the festive occasion at which supporters rallied round to show their solidarity for the enduring submarine away on patrol over campaign against cruise missiles.

women have been submarine fleet: the nuclear- overwhelmed by Christmas powered Polaris vessels with a goods arriving by the sackful. As they sat around their camp fire yesterday, the protesters pointed to huge tents housing food and clothing.

Eva Webb, aged 25, said: 'We've turned one tent into a kitchen, where cakes, fresh vegetables mince pies, tinned food and sweets are piled right up to the top. "We have far too much food

adjusted so that men do not

have to leap up straight from a

Among the characteristic elements of a submarine Christ-

mas are the familygram, the

"sods' opera" and

Christmas meal to go on duty.

The "sods' opera" is the nearest thing to c concert party that the crew can put on, with as much dressing-up as circums-tamces permit, and a heavy emphasis on in-house jokes and blue humour.

The camp has assumed a

performed by a junior rating. Normally every crew is entitled to receive one familysram a week, transmitted from shore, but at Christmas an extra special efforts being made to ensure that it is transmitted on or as close as possible to the day

To carry out his Christmas

"rounds", a tour of inspection of the vessel, a junior rating, usually the youngest person aboard, will don the Comfamilygram is allowed, with mander's uniform and find as much fault, and have as much fun at the expense of his superiors, as his ingenuity and nerve will permit.

Farm aid to be suspended

By Hugh Clayton Payment of cash aid to hundreds of farmers will stop on New Year's Eve when the EEC rules governing them expires. Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, said yesterday However, he was confident a renewal of pay-ments would be allowed at the next meeting of the EEC council of farm ministers on January

"In the meantime I shall have to suspend payment of grant and the approval of any new development plans and variations". he said Officials could not say how

much money would be blocked or how many farmers would be But the British Government's

contributions to some EEC aid schemes would stop when the ommunity share was blocked. Mr Christopher Pecler, a National Farmers' Union official said the union was worried that grants for investment on dairy farms might

never be renewed.

chain-linked wire around the A woman called Briony, who arrived vesterday for Christmas. said: "There are quiet a few children here and I am sure

festive look with supporters' cards festooning the barbed and in industrial relations and several women will be dressing disoutes. up as Santa Claus for the big

his department's reaction would be and thought it would illustrate the nature of official secrecy in Britain.

The mole, whose name has not been disclosed was interviewed on BBC Radio's World at One on the understanding he remained anonymous.

source of the leak would be discovered and had resigned on November 30, the day of

mate for the Government to obtain technical advice from the judiciary on framing statutes, but not to get political

Thatcher welcomes **Dublin offer to** tackle terrorism

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

There was new evidence yesterday of fellow feeling between the British and Irish warmly to an article in The Times by the Irish Prime Minister, Dr Garret Fitzgerald.

Dr Fitzgerald observed that the sense among Irish people of shared grief and outrage with the British people was stronger than at any time he could recall. He asked the politicians and public in Britain to join in a commitment to "exclude the

He promised that no refuge would be given in the Irish Republic to any who commit crimes of violence in these slands"

Mrs Thatcher, in a statement as she left Belfast to return to London yesterday, said she warmly welcomed and accepted Dr FitzGerald's "invitation to step up even further cooperation in the battle against terrorism".

But the Prime Minister made no explicit response to Dr FitzGerald's main argument, which was that successful joint action against terrorism re-quired joint political structures. He implied that, by working to find such structures through discussions in the new Ireland Forum, political parties in the republic were doing more than British politicians to defeat the IRA by undermining their SUPPORT

"No one should doubt the will of Irish democratic politicians," he wrote, "to tackle the security problems of this island." The gunmen has been sustained at times "by an over emphasis on security policy at the expense of politics.

"The only convincing way that governments and politicians can now demonstrate their resolutions to stand against terrorism is to act urgently and resolutely together on the political front."

working on Mrs Thatcher, since governments in the face of their month, to be ready to respond: common enemy, the IRA, Mrs to any ideas for political change Margaret Thatcher responded which the forum may suggest in its report, expected in March.

Irish ministers believe that Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues may be ready to entertain new ideas for attracting republican voters away from Sinn Fein and its violent allies. They are not so sure that Westminister Conservative MPs in general are as open minded or as persuaded of the need for urgent action.

Dr FitzGerald said on radio

yesterday his government will not rule out imprisonment without trial as an ultimate weapon against terrorists.
"Our Government and any

other government here would always be prepared to use it if necessary", he added in an interview on RTE, the republic's state-backed radio station. But he did not consider the time had yet arrived for the

introduction of internment. According to government sources the Cabinet is to discuss intenment at its first meeting in: the new year on January 3, but ministers are expected to agree with Dr Fitzgerald that it would be counterproductive introduce it at this stage.

·While he was accompanying Mrs Thatcher on her visit to Belfast, Mr James Prior, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said yesterday: "There is a very good cooperation already, but there is always room for improvement and we could make it even closer. Early in the new year, the British Government and the republic's Government will be talking about improvements, that means meeting various mem-bers of the administration in the south", he said.

There were no plans, at present, for Mrs Thatcher to take part in such discussions, and Mr Prior declined to detain what new measures he might be

Guardian mole explains

By Our Political Staff The young civil servant dismissed on Monday for leaking a confidential paper said

vesterday his action was taken

in the public interest. The paper, used for reports last month in Time Out magazine and The Guardian, showed that private discussions over the possible shape of employment legislation were held between Lord Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, and Mr Michael Quinlan, Permanent

An administrative trainee in the department in his early liners full of clothes and sent twenties was first suspended and then dismissed for the Money has also flooded in publication of what his emfrom all over the world ready ployers described as a stolen for the fines when more than copy of Mr Quinlan's private 400 protesters go to court early

note of the meeting.
The "mole" said yesterday that he considered the meeting between Lord Donaldson and Mr Quinlan was a breach of the constitutional principle that the judiciary and executive should be separated as far as possible. It also exhibited the dangers of ncreasing judicial involvement

He said he also knew what

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publication. He thought it entirely legiti-

Backing for 'bad law' rebellion By Our Labour Editor

A top-level officials of the Transport and General Workers' Union yesterday supported "rebelling against bad law" and predicted mounting anger against the Government's labour law reforms.

Mr Larry Smith, TGWU executive officer, condemned media criticism of the 21 union leaders who backed an unlawful strike called by the National Graphical Association as "vitri-Michael Quinlan, Permanent olic even for the gutter editions Under-secretary at the Depart- of the tabloid media."

In a statement in the union': journal, he defended the "temcrity" of TUC general councillors, including himself, who endorsed a committee decision to support the NGA last week.

Mr Smith said the TUC general council members who voted to support Mr Murray's repudiation of the employment policy committee backing for the NGA were at variance with the 1982 Wembley conference decisions to oppose the 1980 and 1982 employment acts.

"Far from being unrepresentative, the positive 21 will lead the majority of trade unionists in the fight to protect their unions, the only real bulwark against politically-motivated tyranny", he said.

Correction

Lady Cox has not been confirmed chairman of Brent District Health Authority, as stated on Dec 22. She asks us to say that she has had no discussions about taking



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that it could not comment until after a "regimental knees-up". A post-mortem examination was ordered by the Ministry of Defence after initial suspicions that he had been unlawfully

this week, died from acute alcohol poisoning, a Home Office pathologist has found. Sapper David Mead, aged 23, of the Royal Engineers, was found dead in his sleeping bag

Soldier 'died of drink' A soldier whose body was His body, which was examflown back from South Georgia ined at Oxford mortuary after an RAF jet brought it to Brize Norton, is expected to be released for burial by his family. The ministry said yesterday

> the verdict of an inquest was A board of inquiry would take cognizance of the verdict and any evidence that was submitted, or comments made

Alice - A Fight for Life. Mrs Stanford, who died of lung Britain's leading shopping street cancer and also suffered from has encountered opposition asbestosis, received no compen-sation although her family was some of the largest shops, including Selfridges and John paid £4,000 after her death. The report's chief recommendation is thought to be

There is little doubt, particularly after the congestion caused by thousands of Christmas shoppers, that something is needed to improve the street's appearance and accessibility for pedestrians. The plan would enable people to walk freely mong the shops untroubled by the heavy traffic.

The plan, devised by the architects, Avery Associates, has been welcomed by the Oxford Street Association and Westminster Council, whose highways and planning committee wants to see it developed in greater detail.

After Mr Bryan Avery's ecent presentation of the scheme. however, some companies have written to the association to express their doubts about its viability. Mr Harry Snepherd, association's chairman,

yesterday there was no consensus among its members for the scheme. "Some are concerned because it is such an unusual scheme, and are worried at the reprecussions if things do not work out satisfactorily," he said. Their main concerns include the lack of a management

scheme to make sure that the pedestrianized streets would be kept in good condition. Most members of the association favour pedestrianization, and the matter will be discussed

fully at its next meeting in "My own view is that it is such an imaginative scheme Oxford Circus. There, pedthat we ought to look at it estrians would go above the seriously," Mr Shepherd said.

Without financial support, Mr Avery can make little progress. He wants to have detailed models of the construction made, and they would cost £40,000 to £50,000. So far no one has offered the money, although Mr Avery says flyover.

two organizations have indicated they might be prepared to help to pay for the construction, and it is envisaged that the Mr Avery said: We need to whole sch conduct a detailed feasibility privately.

study, and I am trying to seek public support. It is up to the people of London whether they want Oxford Street to become vibrant and exciting once more. or let it decline into squalor." He believes that if nothing is

done, Oxford Street in 10 years will be a street of cheap takcaway, jeans and hamburger establishments. "The biggest shops, such as Selfridges, will survive but the rest will go," he The Avery design, costing an

estimated £47m at August 1982 prices, involves a three-lane flyover the length of the street, descending to ground level at traffic under an elevated glass

The flyover would take only buses and taxis, while the streets running north-south would carry private traffic. The ground level would be paved and landscaped, and more shops would be provided under the

These, would be intended to whole scheme could be funded

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Bank action

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By David Cross
A strike by some bank counter

clerks to protest at not receiving a half-day holiday

receiving a half-day holiday caused only minor inconvelence yesterday.

Although the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union had said that most of its 80,000 members would obey the strike call, the employers said that about 6,000 workers left at noon, when the stoppage began.

A spakermen for the Bealt

A spokesman for the Bank-ing Information Service, which represents the high street backs in England and Wales, said that only 110 of more than 11,000 branches had been closed. Many were small sub-branches.

. Support for the strike was concentrated in Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Birmingham,

east London, Newcastle and

Tyneside. Barclays described the strike

a random survey of 30

branches in the City, Holborn and the West End of London yesterday afternoon showed

that they were all open,

although in many there were

more closed counters than

normal. There were few cus-

tomers, who were able anyway

to use cash dispensing ma-

chines.
A small group of union protesters gathered outside the headquarters of the Federation of London Clearing Banks

Employers near the Bank of

England in Lombard Street, led

by their general secretary, Mr Leff Mills, They were ac-companied by a Santa Claus and a handful of Bob Cratchitts

wearing "Save Our Christmas"

In a lively debate staged for the benefit of reporters, Mr Mills accused Mr Nicholas

Cowax, director of the em-

ployers' federation, of imper-

sonating Scrooge.

But Mr Cowax said that it

was well worth keeping banks open for the benefit of cus-

tomers, despite union oppo-

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often offered already cooked.

However, Mr Rodney Emmaunel, chairman of Wheeler's fish restaurants in London, said: "There is nothing worse than freezing oysters. I have tried

opened in the restaurant."

Driver kept in custody because court fears further offences

A banned driver, arrested for his second driving offence involving alcohol within a month, was ordered in custody for Christmas yesterday.

Mr Quentin Campbell, the Marylebone magistrate, called for probation reports on Days.

for probation reports on Daya-lan Somasundaram, aged 26, who admitted driving with twice the legal limit of alcohol fied.

He also admitted driving without a licence, without insurance, and while disqualified. "The remand will be in

custody because I fear further • Nottinghamshire offences judging by your past disclosed vesterday that only 20 history. Mr Campbell told of the 1,521 drivers given him, as he ordered a three-week breath-tests so far in a Christmas campaign have been over improvement on last year.

31 positive readings out of the 975 breath tests forthe same period last year.

The police said: "We are pleased with the results but do not want to be too complacent just yet because Christmas has not really begun.

In Derbyshire, the police ave breath tests to 642 motorists in the first seven days of their campaign. Only 33 of those tested were over the limit. and a spokesman said the results were encouraging and an

Lessons for prisoner in Cell 4

Staring at the mustard-coloured walls of Cell 4 under Grays police station for 48 afterwards. they found 63 milligrammes of alcohol per hours has persuaded David Jones that drinking and driving 100 millilitres of breath - nearly double the permitted limit. make a dangerous cocktail.

Jones, aged 21, was released at 8am yesterday, the latest victim of a purge in the Essex town where magistrates are seaching drink-driving offenders

a short, sharp lesson.

After foregoing the pleasures of a prisoner's breakfast, he there. walked to the bus stop, anxiously hoping to confirm that his job Jones, would say when he doing it again."

He was the eleventh man in a week to receive a custodial sentence at Grays for driving with excess alcohol, and now faces an 18-month driving ban and the repayment of a £300 fine at £10 a week.

Jones, who carns £100 a week, was driving home to South Ockendon on November 6 when, under the influence of the three pints of beer and two. shandies he had drunk at a Guy Fawkes Night party, he swerved to avoid a rabbit, mounted the pavement, skidded on gravel and ended up at 4.30am.

By Michael Hornsell halfway through a garden hedge. When two patrolling police officers tested his breath shortly

After being released, Jones told me: "It's very uncomfortable in there, I felt it was unjust to be put in a cell, though I have nothing against the police. It was the magistrate who put me

"I don't know whether this kind of treatment will deter was still intact and wondering anyone else from drinking and what his mother. Mrs Joyce driving but it will deter me from

> Locked up for nine hours a day in his 10ft by 10ft cell, he felt like a criminal - sharing washbasins, associating with other prisoners in the echoing corridors, kicking a ball in the 67 per cent in the last year. exercise yard and participating Something had to be done." corridors, kicking a ball in the in the normal pastimes, such as cards and games, which pris-

oners play to pass the time. His jailer, Police Sergeant Brian Snipe, said: "We probably treat drink-driving offenders a little better than criminals. They are not here to be leaned on, purely to be accommodated. which we pick up for them from Jan's Cafe near the bus station. But despite all this, they are chastened and ashamed of them selves for being banged up, worrying what their families and their neighbours think of

Mr Charles Noad, chairman of Grays magistrates, told me: We felt drinking and driving had become virutally respect-able, but it is an anti-social activity. It kills and injures.

"I am hoping that the stigma of a custodial sentence will act as a deterrent to others. This is partly the aim of what we are doing. Disqualification and fining were not having the required effect.

The rate of drink-driving offences here has increased by

Chalice returned

A seventeenth century silver chalice and paten stoken from St Botolph's Churchin Aldgate, in May was returned by post this week to the rector, the Rev Malcolm Johnson.



Fancy money: Staff at Barclays' Minories branch, east Loudon, dressed up for work yesterday. (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Food store bonanza

Christmas taste for the exotic

to laying in supplies of food and driak. Britons, the retailers agreed, are deeply traditional about their festive fare, but for most this Christmas will be the

Not only shall we be consuming our usual 10 million turkeys, but an increasing demand is reported for geese, beef, hams, duckling and game. There is still a consistent call for sprouts, but calabrese and mangetouts are selling better than ever as well.

The Christmas fruit bowl will popular. never have been so cosmopolitan before with Israeli kum-quats, Greek Lychees, Brazilian paw-paws, Kenyan mangoes and New Zealand kiwis augmenting traditional supplies of chestnuts, clementines, dates and nuts. Yet none of those seems likely to dull the national appetite for Christmas pudding and mince pies.

A spokesman for Tesco said: "There is a move toward the luxury end of the market this away from frozen turkey toward fresh and chilled. We are selling lots of smoked salmon and special cheeses like Below and sp special cheeses like Brie with peppers and soft cheese with herbs, as well as the traditional Stiltons. People are also paying a considerable premium for fancy flavoured ice creams such as maple syrup and walnut and mango fruit cocktail. Tastes are simply broadening".

frozen turkey at 48p a pound, and own label champagne at January 3. £5.95 a bottle, but it also An AA spokesman urged claimed a rapid turnover in fresh geese, and a rapid increase enough petrol and necessary tion range. Stiltons were selling period.

exceptionally well. National Express was provid-Marks & Spencer claimed to ing extra coaches to cope with

Toyshops and department the oven at £1.89 a pound. It stores emptied yesterday as also reported selling large shoppers turned their attention numbers of fresh cream and frozen gateaux and Yule logs without denting the the customary demand for Christmas cakes and puddings.

Waitrose reckoned Christmas for its customary dentings.

for its customers would be more traditional than ever with large numbers of fresh pheasants, mallard, geese, pigeons and partridge sold "in addition to the usual turkey

sales" It also reported that smoked salmon, big hams, and loose handmade chocolates were

Keymarkets said that its customers were buying "all the traditional lines in the tra-ditional quantities. There is no sign that people are hard up".

 As weathermen warned of the remote chance of a white Christmas, beiting men started dreaming of a wet Christmas. William Hill, the bookmakers. stand to pay out thousands of pounds if a drop of rain falls on the roof of the London Weather Centre on Christmas Day

million Christmas cards and parcels by Christmas eve, about 30 million more than last year. Part of the increase is attributed to the six million discount pre-Christmas stamp books.

Among those with the longest breaks are some British Steel workers, who will be off duty for 16 days, including an annual Sainsbury's reported heavy leave. Ford Employees, who demand for its discounted started their break on Wednesday, and will not go back until

in sales of table wines, especial-spares because most garages will ly the premium Vintage Selec- be closed over the Christmas

have invented the convenience the Christmas rush but services Christmas lunch, with chestnut will be suspended on Christmas stuffed turkey breast ready for Day and Boxing Day.

Clergyman frisked in gun alert

There are three meals a day



Police suspect: The Rev Duncan Brereton with the window scraper that caused a police alert.

From Our Correspondent,

Police tackled a suspected terrorist gunman in the shadows of a city street. They then bundled him out of his car spreadeagled him after receiving a report of a figure crounching with a pistol in his

A back-up squad of 12 officers waited near by during the operation only to discover-that the man was a Methodist waiting for his wife. The "weapon" which a taxi driver thought the man had been pointing at a hotel was a plastic windscreen scraper.

But vesterday the Rev. Duncan Brereton was laughing about the incident which happened outside the Viking Hotel in North Street, York.

"They put my hand on the side of the car, then frisked me to see if I had a gun. Mr Brereton, of Bootham, York,

"I can understand their reaction and the police were most polite and courteous. They had to do what they did in the circumstances."

A police spokesman said yesterday he hoped the incident would not stop people from informing the police if they saw anything suspicious.

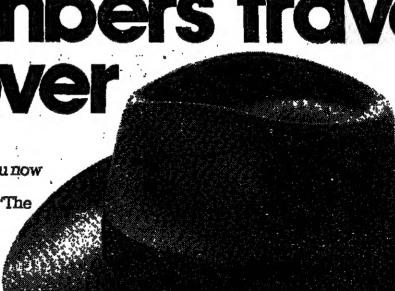
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Centurion Cover and Centurion Assistance. You get more than just a card with American Express.

oysters for 30p By Craig Seton Connoisseurs of the oyster are in for a surpirse - the exclusive shellfish will soon be on sale in sepermarkets. Delectable bivalves will be

Frozen

coated in garlic butter, cheese sauce or breadcrumbs before being blast frozen. Leading restaurants, where oysters sell for more than £5 for six, face the prospect of oysters and chips being a cheap

For Cuan Sea Fisheries, of Strangford Lough, co Down, Northern Ireland, the largest grower of Pacific Oysters in the British Isles, expects to sell them at 30p each.

Inem at 30p each.

The company's managing director. Mr Jasper Parsons, with the blessing of the Shellfish Association, is trying to break the snobbish myth about oysters and to make them available to a much wider public through restaurants that cannot afford time or expense of opening oysters and super-

Mr Parsons said yesterday: "The logic is simply that we have been overawed in this country by the traditional way of eating oysters. Elsewhere in the world, particularly the United States and Australia, it is very

them in Australia and they are

"We do serve cooked oysters but they are fresh, live and

BL restarts discount war with Maestro deal

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent BL is trying to boost Sales of will run from January 3 to April the Maestro by offering substantial incentive payments to Maestro, the Mini, Metro, dealers for the first time since Ambassador and Acclaim the car was launched 10 months models. Factory payments to ago. Dealers will receive up to dealers start when they reach 50 for each Maestro sold per cent of their sales target for above the factory's target. the quarter and increase in The move signals the renewal graded and in the new year of the discount the model. graded amounts according to

war, which has been such a feature of the British car market at £50 and the Maestro at £100. in the past two years.
It will also be seen in the industry as a direct challenge to Ford of Britain's chairman, Mr cent of target.

Sam Toy. He stopped dealer The Maestro MG and Van-

Sam Toy. He stopped dealer incentives nearly four months ago and called for a truce from incentives throughout the industry. Al-though it was ignored by his competitors he has refrained rom reintroducing incentives. However he has made it clear that he will "do everything necessary" to defend Ford's

For instance the Mini starts rising to £100 and £250 by 75 per cent of target and £100 and £500 for exceeding £100 per

den Plas models are excluded The latest Austin Rover campaign is designed to help the company to hold its 18 per cent market share until the Montego arrives in April The new car will be a direct competitor for Ford's Sierra and Vauxhalf's Cavalier, it is ex-

leadership and its 30 per cent narket share. pected to win significant fleet The Austin Rover campaign sales from both.

Disabled trickster jailed for insurance swindle

A man born without most of Acton Crown Court in west his fingers and a couple of toes, London.
who claimed thousands of When the Cornhill refused to pounds under insurance com- pay him £25,000, he companies travel policies after plained to the Lord Chancellor. telling stories of gruesome George Frederick Benjamin accidents, was jailed for two was caught when police arrested years today.

£3.200 when he told them he was found guilty of two charges lost his fingers, part of a foot of obtaining cash by deception and the sight of an eye in and one of attempting to obtain separate accidents, Mr Michael cash by deception from Hyam, for the prosecution, told insurance companies.

searched his £90,000 home. -Sun Alliance paid him Benjamin, aged 50. of £56,500 and General Accident Stevens Lane Claygate, Surrey.

Britain to pick

parapsychology professor in the new year

By David Nichelson-Lord

other research, were insistent.
At Cambridge, where

research team under Dr Carl Sargent was working until

recently on telepathy experi-

ments, discussions were held with university officials but the

main result was the suggestion of a fellowship, possibly at Corpus Christi College. That

did not satisfy the executors.

Dr Beloff said: "We never

really expected that it would be

an easy task to find a chair. We

were surprised that discussions with Oxford and Cambridge got

as far as they did. Koestler understood this perfectly well. "It is simply that science has

to be very cautious about recognizing the phenomena that provide the basis of parasycho-

The fate of the Koestler

into the suprnatural with the

Koestler, who wrote exten-

Preston magistrates were told

that Leslie Soulsby, aged 39, was "racked with sorrow, remorse and self-detestation". Soulsby, who has two children.

is receiving psychiatric treat-

Magistrates were told that

Sousiby had planned to kill himself after he thought two

boys had seen his offence

Instead, he confessed to the police that he had committed

indecent assaults over four

years at Savick Junior School,

Later, the ten-year-old pupil the hearing.

against a girl aged 10.

Preston, Lancashire.

Netherlands.

Britain may soon have its the chair but rejected the first professor of parapsychology. a disignation of parapsychology. a gy, probably the world's second point on which Koestler and his A university chair for the study executors, who feared the of paranormal phenomena, money might be diverted to from poltergeists and spoon bending to extra-sensory per-ception, is likely to be an-nounced early in the new year.

The chair will carry with it anendowment of more than £500,000 from the estate of the writer, Arthur Koestler, together with cash from other sources which could bring the amount to fin. One university has declared itself a candidate to the executors and two others are to put the proposal to their

Dr John Beloff, one Koestler's executors and a former president of the Society for Psychical Research, yesterday described the prospects of a chair being set up as "very high". He declined to name the universities, but the list is thought to include Edinburgh, University of Wales and the City University in London.

The executors have to decide by February as Koestler, who died in March, set a time limit of a year from his death to find a home for the professorship.

If, as now seems likely, the executors are able to choose from several contenders, it will represent a significant defeat for academic conservatism. Even Oxford and Cambridge, initially regarded as infertile ground for such an experiment, have expressed far more interest than some critics predicted.

Oxford was willing to accept comprehension."

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workers

Fifty thousand members of the National Union of Hosiery

and Knitwear Workers yester day accepted a 41/2 per cent pay

rise from January 2, a shorter working week, and one day's extra holiday.

The settlement covers work-

ers in Leicestershire, Derby-

shire, Nottinghamshire. A furthr 6,000 in Lancashire and

the North-east of England are

An extra day's holiday means

workers are now entitled to 2923 days' paid annual leave, but the

reduction in the working week from 40 to 39 hours will not

become operative until December 21, 1984.

also affected.

Another bomb-hoax caller is jailed

Gary Alan Coomber, aged 26 was jailed for three months by Harrow magistrates in London yesterday for making a bomb hoax call after the Harrods blast last Saturday. He is the second hoax caller to be jailed by the COURT.

Coomber, aged 26, a London Transport cleaner, of Binyon Crescent, Stanmore, admitted the offence and said he did not think anyone would take his call

Det Sgt Roger Hall said that after the Harrods bombing, Coomber, using an Irish accent rang the emergency services, saying there was a bomb in a Debenhams store. Security forces were diverted from the Harrods incident. The police were on Coomber's doorstep within half an hour.

At Marylebone Magistrates Court, two men accused of making bomb hosx calls were remanded in custody for a week yesterday. Guy Gibson, aged 27, who

had spent a week in custody for pretrial psychiatric reports, was charged with making a call to the Royal Navy Dockyards a Portsmouth, the day before the Harrod's explosion, claiming

bequest is being watched with concern by British parapsychologists eager to reestablish the lead Britain took in research making the hoax call from his home at the Lindsay House foundation 101 years ago of the Society for Psychical Research. The only comparable chair is thought to be at Utrecht, in The bail. Hotel, Sussex Gardens, Pad-dington, told the magistrates that he was not applying for

At Mariborough Street Court pretrial psychiatric reports were also ordered in the case of sively about the paranormal, also ordered in the case of committed suicide with his wife. Amira Singh, aged 21, a sales in London. They left behind assistant of Rutherford Tower, them a note expressing "timid Lovell Road, Southall, charged hopes for a depersonalized with telephoning the Cumber-after-life beyond due confines of land Hotel. Marble Arch. space, time and matter, and claiming there was a bomb at beyond the limits of our the Marks and Spencer store in Oxford Street on December 22.

Soulsby, of Sumpter Croft,

Penwortham, Preston, who

admitted an indecent assault on

November 10, asked for eight

Mr Bill Fetherstone, for the

defence, said that Soulsby, a

teacher since 1974, had been

thought of very highly by colleagues. The first reaction to

the case was revulsion, but the

defendant did not advovate that

sex involving children should

Sousiby, who gave notice of

appeal against sentence, was

remanded in custody pending

become universally accepted.

other offences to be considered.

Teacher jailed for

school sex assaults

A deputy headmaster was said that she had been assaulted

sentenced to six months' several times, but had been too

imprisonment yesterday after upset and frightened to com-admitting indecently assaulting girls at his junior school.

Severing ties with St Bride's will be difficult for a man whose life has become entwined with the church and its ministry in Fleet Street. In 1500 Wynkin de Worde moved Caxton's press alongside St Bride's churchyard

When Prebendary Dewi Morgan retires as Rector of St Bride's in Fleet

Street he will leave the door open

behind him. "I think what I really

wanted to do is say, 'Listen, St Bride's

really is open every day of the year', he says of his 21-year ministry.

crypts where the ruins of seven previous churches testify to St Bride's

ancient history and its 55-year

relationship with the printing indus-

try, the white-bearded rector peppers

his speech with his favourite anecdotes

about the journalists and printers who

have been drawn to St Bride's.

Sitting in his study, next to the

By Diane Guckert to start the church's long association with publishing and journalism.

Prebendary Dewi Morgan in his St Bride's study. (Photograph John Voos).

Fleet Street's counsellor says farewell

Since Mr Morgan became rector in 1962, he has been a friend and counsellor to hundreds in the communications industry and has served as honorary chaplain to many Fleet Street institutions, including the Press Club, the Institute of Journalists, the Printers' Pensions Corporation and the Publicity Club of London.

"I never say no to anyone", he says of the journalists who come to him under the pretence of an interview when they really want to talk about themselves.

When he retires, Mr Morgan intends to return to the activity that drew him away from his parish in a Welsh mining village and opened up the world to him during his 12 years as press officer for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. He was responsible for the society's publish-ing activities all over the world before he came to St Bride's.

"Writing has always been sheer relaxation for me", he says of his 13 books and hundreds of articles for nearly every English-speaking country. He has also produced several documentary films and appeared on television and radio programmes. For his retirement he has three books

Although he will no longer reside beneath Christopher Wren's tallest steeple, Mr Morgan will continue to nurture the relationship between the printing industry and the church.

"Communication has precipitated a revolution in bringing the whole world together. The church's role is what it always has been and is even more so, to say that there's one God and Father of us all."

Lung-heart

team ready

to operate

By David Cross

Move to cut waiting lists on NHS by two years

By Tim Jones

A two-year campaign to find a hospital place for an elderly woman in urgent need of a hip replacement operation has led to scheme that could cut health service waiting lists by up to two years. Community health councils in Wales are to computerize waiting list information so doctors and patients can find out where waiting lists are shortest and apply for operations in other parts of the

At present this information is available only locally and usually within specific health authority areas.

The project, to be run by the Association of Welsh Com-munity Health Councils, has been set up by Mr. Emrys Roberts, Secretary of the South Gwent Community Health Council. He said: When I heard this lady complain about a two-year wait for her operation I knew there were other areas where the waiting lists were shorter.

"I spent two months writing to other health councils and found one with a new consultant and she was seen within two

Each community health council would approach its health authority to try to obtain waiting list information. "Insome cases the GPs have no idea of the availability of the consultants in neighbouring areas. There could be a threeyear waiting list for oue area when a few miles away people could be seen much sooner.

Mr Gordon Harrhy, administrator for South Glamorgan Area Health Authority, said be would consider any scheme which reduced waiting lists. "If ve were to adopt this type of



Rail terminus to be restored

Nottingham's Low Level busy terminus until it was Railway Station which closed 40 years ago is being restored by a partnership of five agencies which hopes it can be a prototype for similar projects.

The building of which the original booking hall and

waiting rooms remain, represents the problems facing British Rail with its listed buildings, the prohibitive costs of restoration and the difficulties of inher-city areas.

The station was built in 1857

effectively by-passed by the Great Central Line into Victoria Station in 1900: The building was demoted to a suburban terminal until it closed in 1944. British Rail, Nottingham City

Council the county council the Department of Employment and the Manpower Services Commission have combined in the restoration. Mr Kenneth Dixon, British

Rail's community projects adviser, said: "It is a classic as the headquarters of the Great community partnership and feel we are helping to pres
Northern Railway and was a one of the most comprehensive piece of the city's history."

Shelter, the national cam-

paign organization for the

homeless, has urged a review of

the Government's strategy for

repairing and improving homes.
Its call comes after a govern-

ment report which shows,

Shelter says, that present poli-

cies are not halting the deterioration of the country's stock.

community schemes we have undertaken. It is also the first time we have restored an historic listed building in a way which brings together several different organizations and such a wide range of skills."

Mr Edward Woolrich, of the agency restoring the shell of the building, said: "It provides a range of work for Nottingham's unemployed and the opportunity to learn some new conservation skills. It is good to feel we are helping to preserve a

of those living in the very worst

housing could not afford to

Much of the money spent went on items that enhanced

otherwise satisfactory homes

and less than half on maintain-

ing the housing stock or bringing it up to standard.
The report acknowledged

finance work without grants.

Christmas and the new year at Harefield Hospital, west London, in case a suitable donor is found for Britain's second heart-lung transplant patient: A spokesman at the hospital said yesterday that the team of specialists who performed the heart-lung transplant on Mr Lars Ljungberg, a Swedish journalist earlier this month,

was ready to operate at a moment's notice. seriously ill woman, have been assessed as suitable candidates for the operation.

Mr Ljungberg died Tuesday.

Car crushed

A motorist escaped unhurt yesterday when his car was crushed by a train on a level crossing at Cookham, Berkshire. A police car responding to the accident and a van collided but both drivers were

fined for fraud The mother of Carole Comp-

Nanny's mother

ton, the Aberdeen namy who was held in an Italian jail for months on fire-raising charges, appeared in cour yesterday - just one week after her daughter was freed by a court in Livorno.

Pamela Mrs (above) was fined £75 at Aberdeen Sherriff Court after she admitted claiming £158 unemployment benefit while working.

Mrs Compton, aged 40, of Glenbervie Road, Aberdeen, who appeared under her maiden name, White, said that the fine was too high because she was a first offender. She was ordered to pay it at

Ray of hope for pig trade

By John Young, Agricultural Correspondent It has been a bad year for meat processors in buying

of a significant fall in feed grain prices, the outlook for 1984 is not much better.

However, a faint ray of light thought likely to increase their domestic pig herd in the foreseeable future.

A recent trade mission to Japan, organized by the Meat and Livestock Commission. reported keen interest among

Britain's pig farmers and, short British, and was followed by a visit by Japanese representa-tives to farms and abattoirs in this country.

At present most Japanese comes from Japan, which is imports are from the United among the world's largest States, Taiwan and Denmark, consumers of pork. At present Britain has been excluded the Japanese import about because it allows vaccination 200,000 tonnes a year. Because against swine vesicular disease, of high feed prices, they are not instead of slaughtering infected thought likely to increase their animals, but officials bope that

the ban will be lifted soon.
This year Britain exported only an estimated 45,000 tones of pork, so a substantial order from Japan would be a welcome boost for the industry.

When you're giving glad tidings, spare a thought for the operator. Although most of our operators will be spending

Christmas with their families this year, some operators will be working over the period, providing a limited service. Naturally, all emergency calls will be handled, as will some calls which cannot normally be dialled direct.

INLAND

Operator Service Restrictions. Restrictions apply to inland operator calls in England, Northern Ireland and Wales on Christmas Day - (midnight Christmas Eve to midnight Christmas Day) and inland operator calls in Scotland on New Year's Day - (midnight New Year's Eve to midnight New Year's Day).

Extended Cheap Rate Periods. Inland Cheap Rate will apply from 6 pm on 23rd December until 8 am on 3rd January in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

In Scotland, Cheap Rate will apply from 6 pm on 23rd December until 8 am on 4th January.

INTERNATIONAL

Operator Service Restrictions. Only pre-booked operator calls will be handled between Il pm, Christmas Eve and 9 sm, 26th December. There will be no directory enquiry service or special facility calls. (International calls can be pre-booked at any time between 8 am, 12th December up to 6 pm, Christmas Eve, by calling the international operator). Extended Cheap Rate Periods. Most calls can be dialled direct and the IDD Chesp Rate will be extended to cover

the entire holiday season, starting at 6 pm on Friday 23rd

December and running right through till after New Year. In England, Wales and Northern Ireland it will end at 8 am on Tuesday 3rd January; in Scotland, at 8 am on Wednesday 4th January

In addition, over these periods, a special reduced rate will apply to IDD calls to Australasia and the Far East (Charge Band 5B) made between midnight and 7 am, and between 3 pm and 8 pm.

This reduced rate will be the same as Charge Band 5A Cheap Rate. At other times calls to Charge Band 5B will be at Standard Rate.

TELEGRAM AND TELEMESSAGE RESTRICTIONS

Acceptance of Telemessages will be suspended from 7 om on Christmas Eve until 9 am on 26th December. Telemessages for delivery before Christmas Day should be requested by 12 noon on 20th December, and before New Year's Day by 12 noon on 28th December. Acceptance of International Telegrams will be suspended from 7 pm, Christmas Eve until 9 am, 26th

Delivery of Telemessages and International Telegrams will be suspended on Christmas Day, 26th and

We will provide an emergency service for International Telegrams during this period and attempt to deliver, wherever possible exceptionally urgent messages received TELECOM from overseas.

The report, Part II of the that some areas of bad housing English House Condition Surwere deteriorating rapidly, A Shelter spokesman said without policies and more money, an "an increasing number of people will find

Change in homes

repair policy urged

By Christopher Warman, Property Corresponent

vey, published this week, said that many of those living in the worst housing are elderly, unemployed or have low inthemselves living in homes that comes. Often they cannot afford to make repairs even with are falling into disrepair. Many will be elderly and owner-occu-

It said that between 1976 and 1981 only 10 per cent of those eligible took up a grant, with the take-up particularly low in rural One quarter of households living in unsatisfactory housing had never heard of grants, and fewer than half of those considered applying for

The report said many people in substandard housing were often unaware of defects or motivated to tackle them, most Hampshire.

Cyanide alert

tackle housing repairs.

The organization called on

the Government to reconsider

its decision to reduce the

number of improvement grants

and urged it to increase the money available to councils to

Thirty people were taken to underestimated the amount of hospital yesterday after cyanide repair work. Where they did fumes leaked into the ITT recognize difficulties and were Cannon factory in Basingstoke,

Tougher screening could halt Everest climb

By Ronald Fanx

Mountaineers from Cumbria who plan to attempt the West Ridge of Everest next spring, fear they could be the first victims of a more stringent screening policy by the Mount Everest Foundation. The foundation awards

grants to expeditions and its approval is an important bona fide helping mountaineers and explorers to secure other spon-sorship from grant-aiding bodies and industry. The eight-man Cumbrian

expedition has applied for the foundation's approval, but so far has had no response after members were interviewed by the screening committee. It is understood that approval may lack in one way or another. not be given because only one of the team has climbed to more than 23,000ft before, or has experience of ultra-altitude

mountaineering. The foundation's tougher policy comes after research by Ward, doctor on the 1953 Everest expedition and a using unpublished material to world's highest mountains with- be made. out the use of supplementary oxygen could involve unacceptably high risks.

into account climbers' past experience and evidence of how they are likely to perform at altitude. Information and the state of the sta The committee now takes altitude. Information studied by into the equation and it seems the foundation includes an analysis by Mr Ward of 64 deaths on the world's 10 highest peaks up their first ascent.

This calculated that 22 deaths were related directly to oxygen selves."

The new guidelines are questioned and criticized by many in the mountaineering

Dr John Delamere, doctor to the Cumbrian expedition, complained that Mr Ward was

member of the screening reach his conclusions, and he committee, which shows that questioned whether a meaningthe trend towards lightweight, ful index of a climber's susceptialpine-style expeditions to the bility to altitude sickness could

"For example, there is no clear-cut investigation that can be made at sea level into how a

that the foundation has changed from a body that funds expeditions and adventurous pursuits into a protector of individuals against them-

Other Himalayan climbers questioned the idea that climb-ing above 26,000ft without supplementary oxygen was the exclusive realm of supermen or those who had passed a foundation lung-capacity test. One pointed out that 19

climbers had now reached the summit of Everest without oxygen, li of them on a German expedition last year. Other peaks almost equalling Everest in height had been climbed several times by small expeditions.

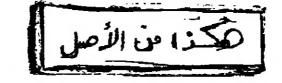
Some climbers had lost their lives but it was felt by many that the decision to make the attempt should be left to the judgment of individual moun-

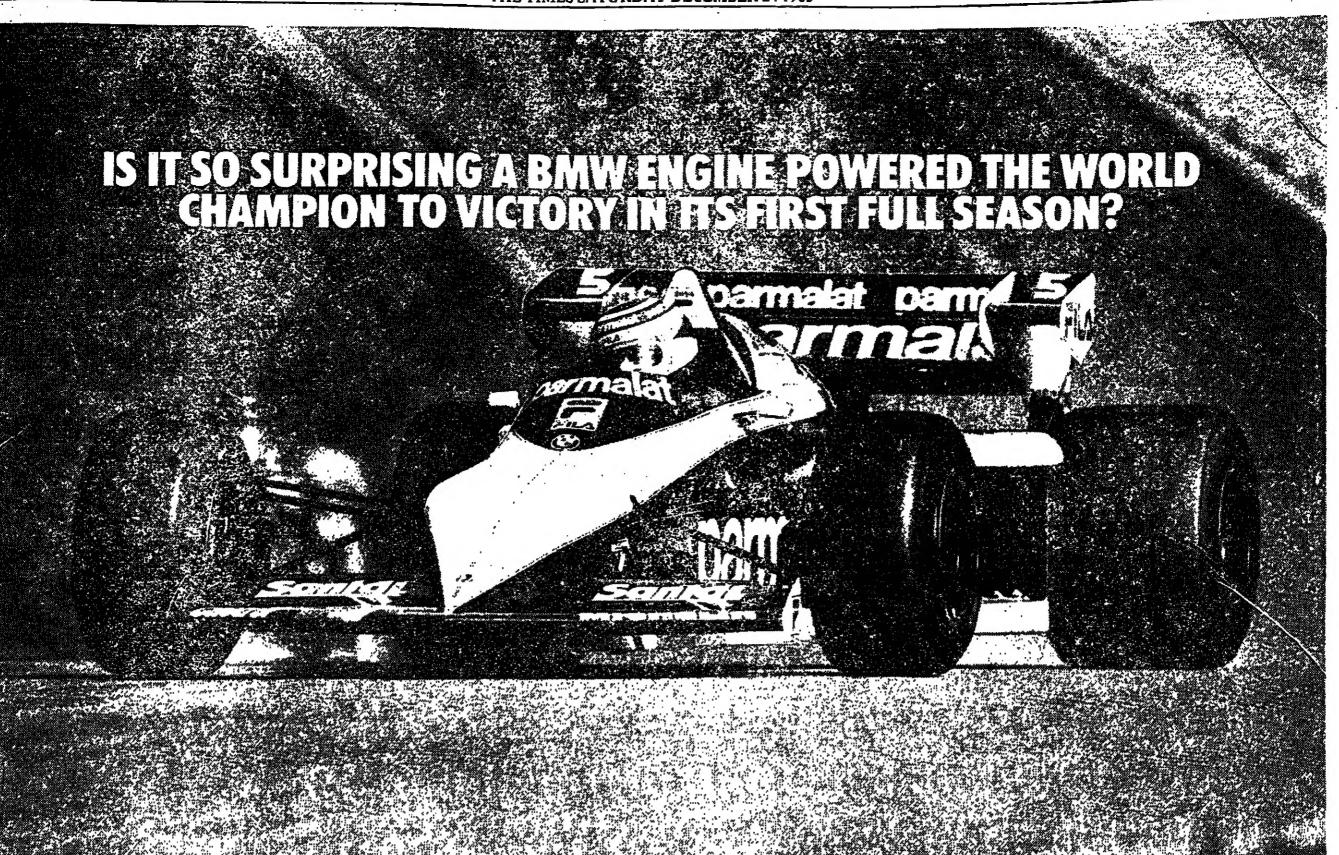
Sir Jack Longland, former president of the Alpine Club, and an Old Everest hand, thought it was highly improbable that fatal accidents to British Everest climbers would show a single case of death caused only by pushing an assault without oxygen beyond any given height.

Human performance under stress depended on too many variables to be subsumed into one single test.

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1983 saw Nelson Piquet carry off the Formula One Drivers' World Championship in his Parmalat Brabham BMW.

It also saw the first occasion on which a World Champion's engine started life under the bonnet of a four cylinder road car.

Which speaks volumes for the quality of engineering BMW pour into their ordinary road cars. If indeed a BMW can ever be called an ordinary car.

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South African immigrants who dodge call-up may be forced to serve in Army

Thousands of foreign emi-

to growing bitterness among authorities, white South Africans at the Not surp white South Africans at the Not surprisingly, the privi-(legal) evasion of call-up by ledged position of immigrants blacks into skilled position many foreign settlers.

without being obliged to take out South African citizenship, which would make them habe for military duties. Large numbers of immigrants avail grants are accused of flaunting themselves of this loophole.

Ciskei court

refuses to

free priest

From Our Own Correspondent

release, or produce before a

court, a detained Roman Catholic priest, Father Smange-liso Mkhatshwa, was yesterday

refused by the surpreme Court

of Ciskei, one of South Africa's

Father Mkhatshwa was de-

tained by Ciskei security police at the end of October after he

attended what the authorities

considered to be a politically-

motivated church service at the

University of Fort Hare, South

Africa's most famous black

Archbishop Dennis Hurley,

the president of the southern

African Catholic Bishop's Con-

ference (sacbc), sought a court

order two weeks ago requiring Father Mkhatshwa to be freed

or brought before a court,

retary-General of the SABC and

this year to oppose apartheid

constitution which gives limited

Coloureds and Asians, but none

enemies:

Mkhatshwa and Monsignor

Hurley are long-time critics of

apartheid, particularly the Government policy that blacks

are citizens only of tribal homelands, not of white South

Africa (AP reports).

parliamentary

to blacks.

Old

the Government's new

Father Mkhatshwa is Sec-

nominally-independent

four nominall tribal homelands.

An urgent application to

All young white South Afrigrants to South Africa, includ- can male citizens, in contrast, ing many Britons, face the are obliged by law to do two possibility of compulsory ser- years national service, and then vice in the South African armed a further 720 days of camp duty forces under a proposed new in instalments spread over a debate on the Bill. Opposition bill on citizenship unveiled in period of up to 12 years. In MPs have already expressed draft form on Thursday night legislation passed last year, the concern that the new law might by General Magnus Malan. The Minister of Defence, and Mr F was raised from two to six years in jail. The scope for conscientious grants from coming.

The draft Bill, published in objection is very limited. the Government Gazette, and is Religious pacifists who can now open for discussion and convince a specially appointed comment, it will presumably be board of their sincerity are placed before the House of offered the unappealing alterna-Asssembly in Cape Town at its tive of six unbroken years of next session, which starts at the "community service" outside end of January. It is a response the army in jobs chosen by the

has caused widespread resent-Under the existing law ment. There are complaints that foreigners can obtain permathey have a head-start in their nent residence rights here, careers over South African which include a work permit, citizens, and that many emtheir favoured status.

The 1980 population census | Under the proposed new Bill lists just under 200,000 whites - more than 4 per cent of the total of 15 and 25 would have five white population - as being of years in which to decide British nationality. Some of whether to apply for citizenship. these may have taken out South If, at the end of that period, they whether to apply for citizenship. African citizenship as well, but decide not to become South it is thought that the vast African citizens, they will lose majority of British settlers do their permanent residence rights

It is not entirely clear what the position of immigrants over the age of 25 would be, and this is no doubt one of the aspects that will be clarified during debate on the Bill. Opposition cause immigrants with vital skills to leave the country and frighten off potential immi-

One of the reasons for the generous treatment of immigrants hitherto is that the pool of skilled manpower in a white population which is growing much more slowly than nonwhite groups is no longer of South Africa's expanding economy. This is bringing where they wield much greater trade union bargaining power.

White immigration has been rising in recent years, amounting to 45,784 in 1982, compared with 41,542 in 1981 and 29,365 in 1980. Figures for December, 1982, suggest that just under a fifth of all immigrants currently come from Britain.

At present, conscription is limited to whites, with much smaller numbers of blacks, coloureds and Asians serving on a voluntary basis. The Govern-ment has indicated, however, that compulsory military ser-vice will gradually be extended to Coloureds and Asians when

Pretoria admits to Angola incursion

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

campaign" against guerrillas of for the independence of Nami-the South West Africa People's bia for the past 17 years. Organisation (SWAPO) in Angola radio claimed on Southern Angola.

The admission, made yesterday by General Constand Viljoen, the Chief of the South African Defence Force came after a week of claims from Angola that its troops were involved in fierce battles with SADF units, and that the South Africans were bombarding towns and villages in the southern part of the country.

Earlier South African defence spokesmen had refused com-ment on specific Angolan allegations, and said that South Africa was "only" engaged in "hot-pursuit operations against SWAPO terrorists" whom it would continue to seek out and destroy "wherever they are". General Viljoen's statement,

while still vague, suggests that one of the honorary patrons of something rather more substanthe United Democratic Front, tial than a routine "hot pursuit" an all-race body formed earlier | operation may be under way. The communique said that

"elements of the security forces are involved in a limited campaign against Swapo terrorists in Southern Angola and are conducting a follow-up operation" to ward off an expected over all their foreign captives attempt by Swapo units to infiltrate Namibia during the rainy season.

The General's statement does not admit to any clashes with Angolan forces, and the South Africans claim that their only

South Africa has admitted targets are Swapo bases. Swapo that its armed forces are has been fighting a sporadic engaged in "a limited bush war against South Africa

Angola radio claimed on Thursday that the South Afri-cans had launched a ground attack against Angolan forces near Cahama, a strategic town about 80 miles inside Angola as the crow flies, and also re-inforced their positions at Quiteve, 50 miles to the north east, and Otchinjau, 35 miles to the south west. Cahama is said to be the

most southerly town held by Angolan and Cuban forces, of which there are an estimated 25,000 in Angola, as well as the most southerly location of Sam8 anti-aircraft missiles recently acquired from the Soviet

started to emerge after Angola had rejected an offer by South Africa to begin disengaging its forces from southern Angola from January 31 of next year provided u to restrain Swapo and Cuban forces from exploiting "the resultant situation".

● LISBON: Angolan rebels said yesterday they would hand except Czechoslovaks to the International Red Cross as a goodwill gesture for Christmas (Reuter reports). A spokesman for the rebel

Unita said five Britons and 12 Portuguese captured.

Iraq claims

Shortage of toys mars Sandinista **Christmas**

The US and Israel appear set

dent Mubarak of Egypt and Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader. Yesterday, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, Husain of Jordan if he has to

crucial point

on a new collision course ovr their differing assessment of the

reconcilaition between Presi-

expressed his astonishment at

America's positive reaction to the Cairo meeting, which he

described as a bad omen for the

future because it harmed the peace process in the Middle East.

Mr Shamir told a visiting US

senator that the Reagan Ad-

ministration had incorrectly

assessed what lay behind the Cairo talks. He claimed that

after Mr Arafat's expulsion

from Tripoli, there had been a good chance that "moderate forces in the Arab world" would

join the peace process. "But now, as a result of the meeting

Children's toys for Christ-mas have joined the long list of goods in short supply in socialist Nicaragua. While the Sandanista Government blames the fact

that it is the victim of a US economic and military siege for much of the problem, it has by state officials and an inability to control the black market have made matters

President Reagan's trade sanctions have forced the Sandanistas to buy where they can. Electrical goods find their Panama for those who can afford them, out toothpaste is scarce because there is no supply of tubes to put it in.

Most foodstuffs are rationed

but while meat is usually available, cooking oil and other basics are not. There is rarely any bread because Washington will not sell Nicaragua its wheat and there is little sugar left for domestic consumption because home-grown cane must go abroad to bring in precious foreign exchange. When the Interior Minister,

Sener Borge took a visiting American senator to dine on beans and rice, the staple diet of central America, at a typical neighbourhood eating place in the capital, they are only rice

day. The Christmas toy crisis provides a neat illustration of the kind of problems facing the country.

Lack of foreign exchange

forced the Sandinistas to limit toy imports to \$400,000 (£280,000) this year compared to ever a million dollars last Christmas.
Shortages of paint and machine tool parts have also prevented the People's Forestry

target of fulfilling 25 per cent of traditional imports with toys made from scraps of wood. Forty tops of toys donated by East European countries have just been delivered for distri-bution to children in the northern border provinces affected by the CIA-financed

Corporation from achieving i

guerrilla war, but a boatload of \$60,000 worth of dolls from Cuba is overdue. On top of all this, the commerce vice-minister in charge of distribution, Schor Bernardino Turcios, admitted that many government officials had abused their positions to buy toys from official warehouses while other people stood in line from early morning with

an allotted gueve number

In the afternoon the Sandinista army turned up for preferential treatment and the shelves were emptied with the queue still waiting outside. A limit of three toys per

its rejection of the Reagan peace armed soldiers and Border Policemen. All roads leading to Bethlehem in the occupied West he stated. "It is a matter of life

addition to squads of heavily-

A special force of 700 police

opinion recently exchanged in

Washington, over the whole Reagan plan, he explained.

Flying visit: Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, reviewing British troops serving with the peace-keeping force in

Lebanon during a surprise visit yesterday to Beirut lasting a few hours.

US and Israel clash over Arafat

From Christopher Waiker, Jerusalem

reaction to it, these moderate extension of differences of

Colombian guerrillas

demand ceasefire

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogota

There were also hints in

seek first the prior blessing of

Mr Arafat. But no official stand

A senior official said that on

no account would Israel change

plan. "For us this is something that affects our very existence".

and death and we will not back

The official claimed that the

recent marked improvement in

Israeli-US relations would sur-

vive the fundamental difference

approach to the Mubarak-

Colombia's two main guer-

rilla forces have called on

President Belisario Betancur

Cuartas to order a ceasefire in

a gesture fowards ending the

The Colombian Revolution-

ary Armed Forces (FARC) and

the April 19 Movement (M19)

made their call in a joint

communique in which they

announced the strengthening of

links between them and ex-

pressed agreement on the

they did not announce unifi-

cation of their forces, which will

contine to maintain their

They insisted that a ceasefire

was "a necessary step for the

development of conditions and

dialogue for peace." This has long been the main sticking

point between the guerrillas and

the Government since President

Betancur introduced an am-

nesty for subversives more than

a year ago.

The amnesty has been sup-

ported across the political spectrum, including the Com-

nunist Party and mainstream

Socialist groups. Although FARC and M19, like other

smaller subversive groups, have

identities.

riteria for peace. However,

issued with special permits allowed access. Pilgrims attend-ing the televized Christmas Eve celebrations have been warned to carry passports or identity cards on the special buses which now, as a result of the meeting Arafat meeting. "Our disagree-in Cairo and the American ments over that are only an will ferry them from East

institutions and a Franciscan monastery, has been claimed by bomb earlier this month in which six passengers were killed.

Despite the tension, official Israelis sources claim that the number of Christian tourists Bank will be blocked from 7.00 arriving through Tel Aviv am this morning with only cars airport has nearly doubled compared to last year, when the total was badly hit as the result of the Lebanon war. But Jerusalem hoteliers speak of many recent cancellations as a result of the present grave situation throughout the Middle

The spate of pre-Christmas bombing at targets which have included two Greek Orthodox Bethlehem guard: After the recent wave of grenade attacks a right wing Jewish terrorits group called "Terror against Terror". The motive for the against religious targets, Israel is mounting an intensified security operation to protect the attacks was seen in part as estimated 12,000 pilgrims visit-ing the holy sites for Christmas. revenge for the Jerusalem bus will be assigned to the sites in

New broom sweeps out Watt's man

replaced three top officials who served under his controversial predecessor, Mr James Watt.

month ago, said he was reorganizing his department's land, water and energy agencies. He is replacing the deputy and the two men closely tied to Mr Watt's criticized programmes.

mental groups are not satisfied. One claimed that the changes did not go far enough and that the Interior Department was full of with Watt proteges.

Simmons, the department dep-uty and one of the Adminstration's highest-ranking blacks with Mrs Ann McLaughlin, the Assistant Treasury Secretary, Mr William Pendley, and his assistant, Mr Dave Russell, key architects of Mr Watt's programmes for accelerating development of offshore oil and gas reserves and coal. They are replaced by Mr Robert Broadbent and Mr William Betten-

Mr Clark replaced Mr J J

Mr William Clark, the new

Mr Clark, who took over a

But spokesmen for environ- Fatal error



pardons, and returned to Even though FARC an M19

praise President Betancur's goodwill" and "political Realis". It is most unlikely that he can respond to their for a ceasefire since there is a widespread feeling that the terms of the amnesty are generous. The armed have never been happy with the amnesty and would fiercely oppose more concessions.



Missing bishop 'found alive'

Tegucigalpa (Reuter) - A group of Nicaraguan Miskito Indiands crossed into Honduras yesterday and said the missing American-horn Catholic Bishop, Mgr Salvador Schlaefer, was with them, a US embassy spokesman said.

The 500 Indians crossed the border at dawn. The fate of the 65-year-old bishop has been in doubt since Nicaraguan officials said he was kidnapped by right-wing rebels and killed earlier this week.

Embassy spokesmen said they had not yet identified Mgr Schlaefer, an American citizen living in Nicaragua since 1947

Nicaraguan goverment officials said on Wednesday that the bishop was kidnapped and shot dead when he resisted anti-Sandinista rebels raiding the village of Wisconsin near the Honduran border. Another American priest, Father Andre Wendolin Schafer, and two Miskito Indian deacons were

number of villagers. Nicaraguan troops combed the area on Thursday and found the bishop's car but no sign of him. US-backed rebels in Honduras denied they had

also abducted, together with a

Miskito Indian rebels said Wisconsin had been attacked but its inhabitants were being voluntarily led to sanctuary in Honduras. They said Mrg Schlaefer had decided to go

Rebels seeking to overthrow Nicaragua's Covernment have been staging raids across the border for the past few months. They launched a new offensive last weekend, saying they were trying to establish a provisional government in a "liberated

Mgr Schlaefer expected to arrive in Tegucigalpa later yesterday.

Bonn buys freedom for 1,034 prisoners

Bonn (AFP) - West Germany has bought the release of 1.034 political prisoners from East German jails this year, the International Society for the Defence of Human Rights said

According to the society, West, Germany has paid out more than £250m in the past 20 vears to obtain the release of 20,036 prisoners. Several of the released had been serving long sentences either for refusing to cooperate with the intelligence services or for supporting the outlawed Polish union, Solida-

Sweden expels Soviet envoys

Sweden yesterday expelled two Soviet diplomats and a private Soviet citizen, all suspected on industrial espionage. None of the trio was named by police and the Foreign Ministry released few details on the affair (Christopher Mosey writes).

This is understood to be because Mr Olof Paime's Socialist Government is exdize chances of a meeting between the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, and the US Secretary of State Mr George Shuitz, at next month's Stockholm peace con-

Man accused of gems trick Sydney (Reuter) - A 49-year

old unemployed man, alleged to be behind Australia's most costly confidence trick has been charged with the theft of gold Robert McArthur faces furth-

er charges involving the theft of diamonds valued at £1.58m.
Police said he advertised for
contributions to a gold and
gems exhibition and the disappeared with the valuables. Laser system

seized in US

Denver (Reuter) - Customs officers seized a laser system bound for the Soviet union and filled the four crates, bousing the equipment, with concrete before sending them on to

Norman Comersford, aged 38, a British citizen with permanent US resident status, and Bruce Adamski, aged 30, were arrested on charges of violating arms export controls

Ouake kills 200 Dakar (AFP) - More than

200 people were killed and about 300 were injured in an earthquake on Thursday in the West African state of Guinea, according to Radio Conakry, monitored in Senegal.

Bulawayo. (AP) - Peter Sibanda, aged 27, was electro-cuted here last month when he ignored his wife's advice and tried to charge his car battery from an overhead power cable, a Bulawayo inquest was told.

Bodies returned

Bangkok (AFP) - Laos has returned the bodies of an unspecified number of American soldiers reported missing in action and whose bodies were found at the site of an 11-yearold plane crash.

Brazil lynching

São Paulo (AP) - Three bandits, one of them a 13-yearold boy, who had terrorized people in a São Paulo suburb. were beaten and stabbed to death by an angry mob.

Freedom swim Berlin (AP) - Two West

German border guards escaped to West Berlin yesterday by swimming across the Teltow Canal on the edge of the communist sector.

Monk jailed Seoul (AFP) - A 34-year-old South Korean Buddhist monk

has been sentenced to life imprisonment for killing a fellow monk in a fight over the control of a temple last August. Aid to Africa

Britain is providing £250,000

to help drought victims in Mozambique. In Lagos, it was announced that the United

States is to lend Nigeria £170m to help to combat drought. Disco toll rises Madrid (AP) - The death toll from last week's fire at a crowded disco here climbed to

81 yesterday after firemen recovered two more bodies from the rubble.

Milan blaze Milan (AP) - A fire in a rowded restaurant here killed five customers and injured at least six. The blaze was caused

Correction

by a gas container exploding.

The Spanish Embassy says that Juan Domingo Martinez, whose extradition to Spain has been refused by the French Government, was condemned in July, 1983, in hi-absence, 10 10 years imprisonment. not to death, as stated in a report on December 15.

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Today's taste of Utopia December 21st

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Today's taste of utopia, coming from the global assembly of experts in the Maharishi Technology of the Unified Field at Maharishi International

Technology of the Unified Field at Maharishi International University Fairfield, lowa USA is highlighted by today's world news.

National confidence high in US. "Confidence is in the air and for good reason"—
President Reagan says US economy is staging a strong recovery, and speaks optimistically regarding prospects for 1984.

Credit crash for US farmers existing.

Financial Times Index.
London. and Nikkel Dow
Index. Tokyo, both close at new record highs.

United Kingdom economy on course for 3 per cent growth

Main left wing militant group in Argentina amounces it will dissolve itself, renounce violence, and pursue future as legal political party.

Government of Sudan frees town from rebel seige.

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus calls for talks with Greek-ruled Cyprus to establish federation on the island.

Sri Lankan President extends

These world events demonstrate the enlivenment of the following the enlivenment of the following qualities of the unified field in consciousness: 'UNIFYING'. 'CREATIVITY'. 'PURIFICATION'. 'SUPPORT

Modern Science, Vedic Science Leading physicist Dr John Hagelin, Chairman of the Department of Physics at Mahacishi International Maharishi International University, has located these qualities in the Lagrangian of the N=8 supergravity theory of quantum physics. Dr Hagelin sees

the upsure of these qualities in world consciousness to be the result of the calivement of the unified field in world consciousness.

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Extensive scientific research on the Transcendental Meditation and TM-Sidhi programme, collected in four volumes of 2,800 pages, has documented the growth of these beautiful qualities on every level of life-

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sinking of Iranian ship

Ancient Vedic Science sees the upsurge of the unifying value as the quality of YOGA rising in world consciousness and locates infinite creativity in self-referral performance — Through self-interaction, I create again and again (Bhaga vad Gita, IX, 8). The AYURVEDA aspect of Vedic Science sees the rise of purification as evidence of the elimination of DHOSHAS (impurities) in world consciousness. The philosophy of KARMA (action) in Vedic Science explains support of nature as resulting from life according to DHARMA (natural law).

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• PURIFICATION:- increased

Sociological

UNIFYING:improved

sense of social responsibility.
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decreased turbulence and
violence in Society.

Baghdad (Reuter) - Iraq said its Navy yesterday sank an Iranian salvage ship which had

been trying to save a damaged vessel near the Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini in the Gulf. A military spokesman said the Iraqi Navy sank the Iranian ship as it tried to rescue an "enemy" vessel hit by Iraqi aircraft on Thursday. The damaged vessel was also

sunk, the spokesman said. He did not identify it, but said it was one of three "enemy naval targets" hit by Iraqi aircraft as they approached Bandar Khomeini in a convoy on Thursday. lraq has used the term "enemy naval targets" in the past and on at least two occasions foreign shipowners have confirmed that their

merchant vessels were hit. Iraq has warned all foreign vessels to stay out of what it considers an "exclusive war zone" between Iran and Iraq at the head of the Gulf. The two countries have been at war for

more than three years. Iran complained to the United Nations earlier this week that two foreign merchant ships approaching its Gulf ports had been damaged recently by Iraqi aircraft and that Iran reserved the right to retaliate against Iraqi shipping. In the past two months, Iraq has said it sank at least 16 ships

in the Gulf. • PARIS: The Government has decided to close the Iranian Islamic Centre in Paris and has asked the Tehran Government to recall three diplomats associated with it the French Foreign Ministry announced yesterday (AP re-

A communique said the

decision was taken after the

closure in Iran of the French

Institute of Tehran and the

French Research Institute in

recent months.

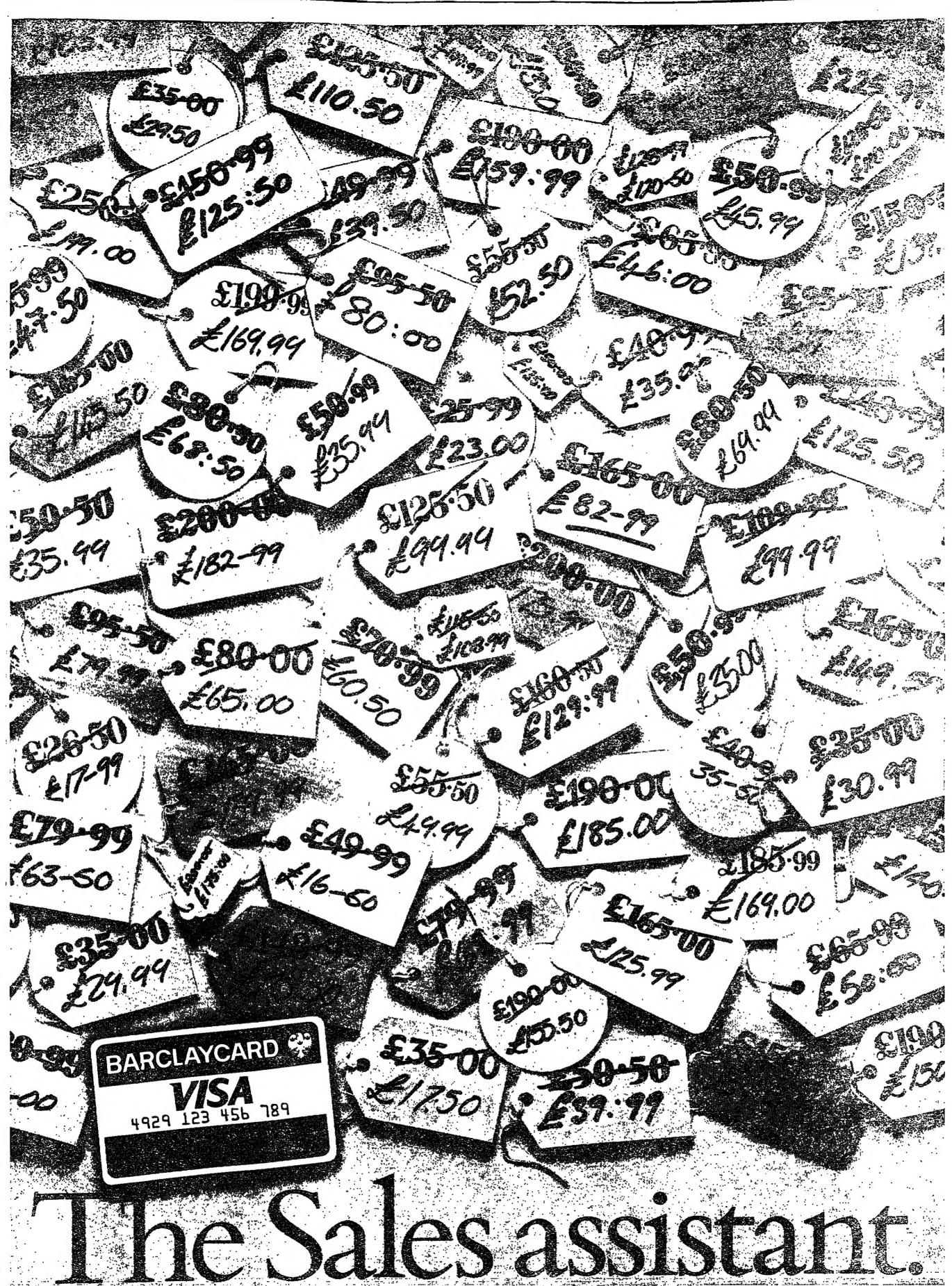
shopper was imposed at Managua's seasonal street fair in a bid to ensure that every Nicaraguan child gets some-thing this Christmas.

Back from the dead: Mgr Schlaefer (left) and Father Shafer.

and Bishop of Bluefields on Nicaragua's Atlantic coast.

along with the villagers.

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approaches its fifth year, diploand mats in Moscow say the Kremlin shows little optimism Zea about the chances of a political only settlement or an end to the thre military stalemate.

ways out of the Afghan inpasse. mix Afghanistan has complicated and Afghan counte-revolutio-bad Soviet relations with China, the Muslim countries and the West. inte it is also unpopular at home, mea although discontent is rarely T the Soviet press has been eval unusually frank about casualties 10 F and setbacks.

In April, Senor Javier Perez the de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, took up Mr pha: Andropov's invitation to visit Moscow for talks on the Afghan crisis, and said afterwards he saw signs of flexibility, without saying what they were. Nine months on, Russia's justifi-cation for its occupation of Afghanistan remains exactly what it was a year ago, when Pravda insisted on international O recognition of the Sovier-inwan stalled Babrak Karmal regime

> Woman who wanted to starve force-fed

> > From Trever Fishlock New York

The tragic story of Elizabeth Bouvia has touched millions of Americans. She is now bein fed through a tube in hospital having lost her court battle to be allowed to starve and end what she says is a life not worth living.

A judge ordered the hospital to force-feed her after being told she had been refusing food and was in serious danger of

Mrs Bouvia, who is 26, was born with cerebral palsy and is almost completiy paralysed. She can only talk, chew, and operate the control stick of her wheelchair. She cannot feed herself, and needs assistance with all her functions.

Nevertheless, her life has been one of courageous struggle and she has earned a degree in social work,

Three months ago, after her brief marriage ended, she went into a California hospital, and said she wanted to starve. When doctors insisted on feeding her, she went to court in Riverside near Los Angeles to seek an order preventing doctors from force feeding ber.

She told the judge she would rather die than continue a life which, "at times is humiliating and disgusting." She said she d the right to die in ! with the support of pain killing

drugs and hygienic care. Her action started a controversy. Many people say she has the right to end her life, but the hospital said in court that she was not terminally ill, and that doctors could not be accomplic

Mrs Bonvia was yesterday being fed intravenously.

Portuguese Christmas bonus cut

From Martha de la Cal Lisbon

The traditional bonus Portueucse workers receive at Christmas will be reduced by 28 per cent this year. Last month the Government imposed a 2.8 per cent retroactive tax on all carnings for 1982. This tax was deducted just before Christmas in a lump sum from salaries which include the "thirteenth month bonus".

The tax has drastically reduced Christmas spending. Toyshops in central Lisbon are virtually empty compared with former years. Shopkeepers who stocked up with merchandise for Christmas are complaining they may be forced out of business. The tax is not the only woe

the Portuguese face this Christ-mas. An estimated 150,000 workers have received no wages for several months, according to estimates by the Syndicate of Unions in Lisbon.

Hardest hit are the shipbuild mg and ship repairing, textile, metalworking glassmaking fishing ceramic and chemical industries and the merchant marine. This week workers at the giant Lisnade shipyard occupied the offices of the tracted a promise they would receive part of their back wages Some local authorities have

voted emergency funds to distribute food to families of unpaid workers. Lisbon, where an estimated 30,000 workers are owed back salaries, is plastered with posters showing an unem-ployed worker and bearing the

slogan: "What a Christmas". Another poster shows a little boy saying: "My father works

land resettlement programme with American aid guarantees but is not paid".

An all night vigil was being in mind. The aid reduction held by thousands of workers would force the Government to last night. The vigil was sponconsider acquiring land for spred by the Communist-backed General Confederation Portuguese Workers

From Richard Owen, Moscow As the war in Afghanistan and said a withdrawal of Sovier powers agreed to stop the "imperialist interference" interference" which had made Soviet inter-

vention necessary in the firt

The latest Sovier commen-President Andropov gave taries marking the fourth some signs shortly after taking anniversary of the December, 1979. invasion vehemently The Soviet occupation of attack "inperialist reactionaries nies" - Soviet jargon for the Mujahidin - for their shared "Pathological hatred for progressive change in Afghan-

> Diplomats said Soviet relations with Pakistan had worsened over the past year rather than This week, the improved Sovier ambassador in Islama-bad accused Pakistan of arming and supporting the rebels, and warned Islamabad that Moscow

and Kabul would "retaliate".

UN sponsored talks involving Islamabad, Kabul and Señor estore diente.

Condovez. the UN "Russia may have suffered "Russia may have suffered". that matched suggestions of "flexibility" in Moscow.

Any loss of momentum is withdraw"

partly attributable to President Andropov's prolonged illnes and absence from public life, which diplomats say has also affected other key policy areas. But Moscow's support for Mr Karmal, and its insistence on "imperialist" guarantees of nonintervention; make the Afghan problem as intractable politically as it is militarily.

Asian diplomats point our that, the true cost of the operation remains hidden in Moscow's defence budget, and that the Russians are prepared for a drawn out war of attrition.

Diplomats believe that since Moscow gains important strategic advantages from its presence in Afghanistan, the Kremlin has decided to settle for a prolonged and unpleasant conflict unless East-West relations improve to the point where

special envoy, have made no 5,000 casualties in four years", obvious progress, despite oc-casional hints of "movement" ritually condemned at the ITS ritually condemned at the UN every November, but that on its

Why Invincible will not be visiting Japan

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The British aircraft carrier, Invincible, will not visit Japan, it was officially confirmed

Sources, however, said that she was likely to go into dry dock in Singapore to have faults in bearings on a propellor shaft repaired. Both moves stem from the lack of enthusiasm which some countries have for receiving vessels carrying nuclear weapons.

Consultations over a visit to Japan had been going on for a long time Japan had said it was willing to receive the ship, but had emphasized its policy of not admitting nuclear weapons.

Britain has stuck to its policy of refusing to say whether its essels are carrying nuclear weapons, although it is likely

that there are nuclear depth charges on board Invincible. The sult is that the Ministry of Defence yesterday said that a visit by Invincible o her escorts to Japan "would not be timely"

Invincible is now in Austraearlier this week was greeted by anti-nuclear demonstrations. It she goes to Singapore for repairs after Christmas, as seems likely. it will be because Australia originally refused to allow her into drydock.

Australia subsequently withdrew its objections, but by then negotiations with Singapore were advanced, and Britain declined to use Australia

An alternative to Singapore is the United States naval base at

Christmas in Russia with Grandfather Frost and his Snow Maiden

A bottle for a yolka or a sosna

Which do you prefer, a *yolka* or a *sosna?*²⁰ is a question which throws most foreigners here at. Christmas. After all, a Christmas tree is a Christmas tree except in Russia. Strictly speaking it is a new year tree that a Russian puts in his living room since Christmas is not a public holiday and in the Orthdox calendar does not occur until January. Besides, the atheist Soviet state firmly discouragees observance of religious festivals.

To meet the natural demand for end-of-year rituals New Year's Day has become the focus of Soviet celebrations. complete with all the commercialized trappings familiar in the West: seasonal greetings cards, packed toy shops, excessive eating and drinking,

and of course yolkes and sosnes decorated with gaily coloured baubles and lights. a yolka, for the record, is a fir tree, and a sosna is a pine. Most Russians have yolkas, but those whose we enlisted in the search for a tree were under the unsbakeable impression that West Europeans go in for pines. Consequently a splendid sosna now stands in the window of The Times flat above the traffic of Kutuzovsky Prospekt, a cheerful sight for pedestrians and for officials whizzing past

Getting hold of a tree is not all that easy, and can involve traditional Russian ingenuity and wheeler-dealing. You can buy them in markets dotted round Moscow, and at five or six roubles each (£4-£5 they are not too expensive. But as usual with desirable goods, there are often enormous queues.

Some Russians risk the wrath of the authorities by venturing into the state-protected woods near the city and taking an axe to the yolke of their choice. But there is a stiff fine for yolka-lifting, and any foreigner caught in hand would no doubt find himself charged with theft of state property and on the next plane home.



Tree-time: A Moscow family heading home with their yolka (fir tree).

officially, provided they re-member to write a letter well in advance. Those who panic as Christmas approaches tree-less can turn to a fixer, on of the invaluable middlemen who keep the wheels of the Soviet system working by finding ways round red tape and discreetly making the nexion between demand and

One colleague slipped a Russian acquaintance two bottles of vodka (unsure of the going rate) and asked him to put in a word with a friendly forester. Back came the man the next day with two yolkas. "But I only asked for one" my colleague said. "Two bottles, two trees" came the reply.

There was a time when foreigners in Moscow would enter the snow-bound forests with official sanction and ride round on a Russian sleigh to select their tree. Unfortunately, so Moscow legend has it, the sleigh rides became uproarious fun and were stopped. Nowadays you can take a romantic troika ride only within the Park of Economic - Achievements. By and large it is now children who ride round the snow covered city streets in tiny sledges pulled by their moth-ers, usually in the general direction of Moscow's huge toy

In Children's World, the main such store (next to KGB headquarters curiously enough), Father Christmas known in Russia as Grandfather Frost - entertains young Muscovites in his familar red robes and cotton wool beard for an hour each day (The plan only allows him an hour, and he has norms to fulfill else-

For five roubles a Dial-a-Santa service will bring Grandfather Frost to your home. provided you supply him with toys beforehand and a nip of vodka afterwards. He is invariably accompanied by a Snow Maiden, a product of the Russian imagination with no Western counterpart. Racy thoughts about frolics in the snow should be banished Maiden in her tightly buttoned, sparkling white outlit has a chaste and frosty manner to

The toys in Santa's sack do not include video game or Action Man, but Children's World products are remarkably good value. Some, such as tin eyes, would not pass British safety standards. But Russian children love the imaginative glove puppets and carved wooden toys, not to mention replicas of Soviet tanks and as, swiftly snapped up by small boys apparently maware that war toys are supposed to be ideologically unsound and only sold in the militaristic

This year the throng in Children's World and The House of Toys has been swelled by harassed parents from the foreign community, many of whom had intended to return to the West rather than sample a Russian Christmas. Carefully laid plans were upset by President Andropov himself, rhose illness has delayed scheduled meetings of the Central Committee and Supreme Soviet (normally held in November) until the last possible moment.

The Central Committee now meets next Monday, making Boxing Day a working day for foreign diplomats and corre-spondents when they might have expected to be quietly recovering from too much imported Christmas pudding and brandy butter.

White House in Vatican tangle From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

American plans to follow the example set by Britain three years ago and establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican are meeting unexpected resistance from non-Roman Catholic

churches in the United States.
Protestants have got together
to lobby the White House and Congress, arguing that it would violate the constitutional principle of separation of church and state, they have been jioned by the American Jewish Con-gress which says it would be a mistake for the Government to relate to any particular religious body in a preferential way.

Unlike some religious disputes, this one is being conduc-tedd in a gentlemanly fashion. Recognizing the influence of the Roman Catholic Church, which

Zimbabwe's relations with

the United States have not been adversely affected by the Reagan Administration

decision to cut its aid to the country, Mr Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister said here

"We still regard the United

States as a friend. We are not going to quarrel with a donor or benefactor who decides to withdraw aid from us. We were

not entitled to that aid in the

first place as a matter of right," Mr Mugabe said.

However, Zimbabwe felt let

down because it had planned its

to oppose the move simply because it is supported by most Catholics. "We are not war with them", and official for the (Protestant) National Council of Churches said.

For its part, the Catholic hierarchy, while privately welcoming America's belated attempt to follow 107 other nations which already have diplommatic ties with the Vatican, professes to be officially neutral. Administration moves to

establish relations follow a congressional decision November to repeal an 1867 law which prohibited the use of Federal funds to maintain a diplomatic mission to the Earlier this month, the White

has more than 50 million House conceded that it was followers in the US. The moving in the direction of Protestants insist they are not establishing formal ties, but

denied reports that Mr William Wilson, the President's personal but unofficial envoy to the Holy See, would become a fully fledged ambassador. Moves to formalize relations

owe much to the efforts of Senator Richard Lugar (Republican, Indiana) who met the Pope earlier this year. Senator Lugar, a Presbyterian, said afterwards that the Pope deserved credit for transforming the Vatican into a significant political force for

The Establishment of relations would, he argued, recognize the Pope as leader of a sovereign state which is playing an increasingly important role in world affairs. Protestant opponents, acknowle edging the case with which Congress approved the repeal of the 1867 law, have conceded that theirs is an uphill battle. But they intend to carry on fighting.

Yevtushenko falls foul of the Kremlin

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Rusiournal in terms which suggest that he has incurred the Kremlin's displeasure.

Yevtushenko, sometimes criticized in the West for compromising with the authorities, was recently feted on his fiftieth birthday by the official press but he something of an irritant with his individual and unorthodox published The Heirs of Stalin in individual and unorthodox style. His novel, Berry Places, has

come under fire in Nash Sovremennik (Our Contemporary) for its frank description of the Stalinist terror of the 1930s, including the killing and intern-ment of peasants during enforced collectivization of agri-

In the novel, Yevtushenko describes how the campaign against allegedly rich peasants (kulas) became indiscriminate. In areas like his native Siberia, where kulaks were few or nonexistent, police rounded up ordinary peasants to fulfil their

Cocos likely

to join

Australia

From Tony Duboudin Melbourne

The Cocos Islands are likely

to become part of the Northern

Territory for electoral purposes should the 600-odd mainly Malay inhabitants decide to

The islanders are to have a

plebescite of self-determination

Nations-supervised

ioin Australia.

Nash Sovremennik said Stalisia's best-known poet, has been nism was a "difficult period" to bitterly attacked in a Soviet be explained in terms of the circumstances prevailing at the time, rather than taken out of context. Berry Places was a dishonest and immoral work devoid of merit and should never have been published, the

> which he gave warning that the tyrant might rise from the Ten years ago he phoned Mr

Yuri Andropov - then head of the KGB - to protest against the arrestof the author, Alexander Solzhenitsyn. Mr Andropov told him to go home and sleep. Nash Sovremennik also made scathing remarks about Yevtu-

shenko's acting ability, The attack would appear to augur badly for Yevtushenko's latest venture, a two-part film about his childhood which depicts the evacuation from Moscow to Siberia in the Second World War.

dirty war by police From Richard Wigg Madrid

ez, the Prime Minister, said here yesterday, speaking in Basque terrorism.

More than 90 per cent o claims by those arrested that they had been tortured proved on investigation to be false. Señor González said.

correspondent. "The Government does not approve of these allegations, but on the contrary the Govern-**Spain denies** ment disapproves of the attacks which occur from time to time

Spain is suffering from its past image Señor Felipe Gonzá-

Yevtushenko's reputation as literary gadfly began in the gations of torture of police. At the penal cou duct as "exemplary, even newspapers. admitting the mistakes'.

There were no longer any Basque "refugees" in France, he said, only "delinquents fleeing Spanish justice". The so-called revolutionary tax imposed by ETA the Basque seperatist organization should be known like extortion."

no evidence whatsoever to support allegations that they exercise any profession of activity other than that of Richard Owen

foreign correspondents and the

against foreign correspondents. and it is determined to defend the integrity of all accredited

free exercise of their profession in this country."

The journalists' protest to the Forrign Press Association cited what they described as their defence of the police combating unfair treatment at the trial and the tendentious and incorrect

Greeks turn

down

inquiry into

journalists

From Marvin Howe New York Times

Greece has rejected a request

from the country's largest-

selling newspaper for an investi-

gation of six Western journalists

on charges that they are

involved in a conspiracy against

the freedom and interests of the

.The Government said there

was no evidence to support the

accusations, made in a leading

article by the newspaper

The journalists had appeared

reporter, Paul

as character witnesses for a

Anastaiades, who was sentenced

last week to two years in prison

on charges of having libelled the

The case centered on Mr Anastasiades's book Take the

Nation in Your Hands and a

promotional press release he had written. Thet said Ethnos had links with the disinforma-

tion department of the KGB

and that the publisher, Mr

George Bobolas, was an agent of

influence for the Soviet Union,

Ethnos said in a leading
article last week that the
witnesses for Mr Anastasiades

had been moving easily under the protective cloak of inter-

national journalism while in

reality they were organs of dark forces viciously fighting the

freedom and interests of the

The journalists protested to the Foreign Press Association here and the association made a

formal protest on their behalf to

the Government. The reply was delivered to the six journalists -

Michael Skapinker of Maclean's magazine of Canada, Albert

Coerant of Dutch Radio and

Television, John Rogos of United Press International, Werner Rieder of Der Tagess-

poege, of Berliln, Lee Stokes of the Mail on Sunday of London and USA Today, and myself.

The Government's reply was

contained in a letter to the

Foreign Press Association by Mr Dimitris Maroudag, the

Under Secretary of Press and Information. It said of the

journalists and the Ethnos

charges against them. "There is

Greek people.

publisher of Ethnos.

Greek people.

Cypriot

At the penal court trial, held methods in the light of Spanish by Mr Bobolas, the plaintiff's

police "missions" inside French attorneys denounced the de-territory, the Socialist Prime fendant as a foreigner with no Minister described police con- right to comment on Greek

Anastasiades writes under the name Paul Anastasi as a correspondent for The Daily Telegraph of London and a part-time correspondent for The New York Times with his ETA the Basque seperatist witness, he was accused by the organization should be known for what it was - a "gangster- foreign agent implicated in a plot against the Greek people. After a four-day trial, the

three judges convicted Mr Anastasiades of slanderous defamation, or spreading libel knowing that it was untrue.

Eulogies for Schmidt as Brandt stays away

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Statesmen, politicians, artists and musicians have paid tribute to former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who was celebrating his sixty-fifth birth-day in his native Hamburg after being honoured with the freedom of the city.

M Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the former French President, Dr Henry Kissinger, the former American Secretary of State, Mr Dries van Agt, the former Dutch Prime Minister, and leading politicians from the Federal Republic and the Social Democratic Party - with the notable exception of Herr Willy Brandt - were among the many distinguished guests who took part in a special gathering on Thursday night in a theatre in Her Schmidt's constituency.

Mr Giscard, a close friend of Herr Schmidt when the two men were in office, called him the best known German of today in Europe and the world, and Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, speaking for the Christian Democrats, who ousted Herr Schmidt from office, spoke of his outstanding achievements for Germany and Europe.

keen collector of modern art and a noted musician - who has just accepted an invitation to play the piano at a concert given by Leonard Bernstein in Israel in May – told the many artists at the gathering that he did not think he had done enough for art when in office. President Karl Carstens, who drove to Herr Schmidt's house

to offer personal congrainlations, presented him yester-day with a collection of 100 records, the complete recorded works of Bach.

predecessor as Chancellor, whose relationship with him has become increasingly fresty, was invited but did not attend. Herr Schmidt also failed to go to Herr Brandt's seventieth birthday party last week. Hamburg voted to make the former Chancellor an honorary

Herr Brandt, Herr Schmidt's

citizen - one of a handful thus honoured - but the motion was opposed by the Greens in the city Senat, who called Herr Schmidt a demagogue and representative of ca The attack, in Herr Schmidt's presence on Thursday, added a sour note to an occasion which otherwise consisted of long speeches of praise.

Herr Schmidt has said be does not intend to stand for election at the end of the present parliament. He has become co-editor of the weekly Die Zeit. In this week's edition, he called in a leading article for his countrymen not to show so much engst over the deployment of new missiles.

Herr Shmidt also said in a radio interview yesterday that the deployment in Western Europe was a defeat for the Soviet leadership, but the West' had to try to make it possible for the Russians to return to the negotiating table - which he thought likely in the end.



Christmas cheer: Former Wing Commander John Cox, freed with two other Zimbabwe Air Force officers, reunited with his family after 16 months in jail.

Harare plays down US aid cut

From Our Correspondent, Harare country's British-inspired con- accept," he said.

stitution.

Later, Mr Mugaue to the Yery few countries have foreign correspondents that they need not comply with a do requiring cash all the time. In Kenya, they have had to resort to land bonds. We might

have to think about that."
State Department officials announced on Tuesday that aid to Zimbabwe in 1948 would be Midlands provinces to court cut to about \$40m (£27.5m), a reduction of \$35m. Mr Mugabe said he found "extremely objectionable "
State Department suggestions

that the aid reduction was linked to Zimbabwe's oppo-sition to US foreign policy. He denied any intention of refusing remaining US aid.

carried out resettlement pro-grammes after decolonization in the same way as we have had to almost half of the country. The law, gazetted six weeks

restricts

press reports on army and antigovernment guerrilla actity in the troubled Matabeleland and trial testimony, parliamentary debate and official Government statements. Essentially a duplicate of a press censorship law once used by the white Rhodesian Government, it carries a penalty of one year's imprison-

ment or £660 fine.
Ministry of Information officials had passed word that "Why should we reject it? We the ban could be ignored to resettlement on a credit basis are a beneficiary and whatever several foreign journalists, but rather than the cash basis aid comes to us provided it has the advice has been treated required at present by the no strings attached, we will cautiously.

next year, possibly in March, to decide whether to integrate with Australia, enter into a free association with Australia or become independent. Mr Tom Uren, the Minister for Territories, visited the islands earlier this month and a spokesman said that all the

indications were that the islanders would opt for integration. Mr Paul Everingham, the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, may go to the islands as part of a fact-finding mission after the suggestion on Wednes-day by the federal Government that the islands be incorporated into the Northern Territory for federal electoral purposes.

A spokesman for Mr Uren said after the minister's visit that the federal Government's duty at this stage was simply to inform the people and ensure that they had a good picture of what the choices were. "The definite impression was gained during the visit that the

they want the vote brought on quickly, possibly in March", the spokesman stated. The Cocos Islands have been in the hands of the Clunies Ross family since the 1820s since Captain John Clunies Ross took

l over the islands

islanders want intergration and

Tories ride high in Denmark

From Christopher Follett Copenhagen

The first opinion poll since a general election was called for January 10 in Denmark predicts a massive victory for the Conservative Party of Mr Poul Schlüter, the Prime Minister.

Conducted by the Vilstrup Institute for *Politiken*, the leading Copenhagen daily, and published yesterday, the poll

shows support, for the Con-servatives has doubled from 14.5 per cent of the vote in the last election in December, 1981, It would put the Conservatives on a par with the opposition Social Democrats. raditionally the biggest party. More significantly, the survey gives the four-party minority Conservative-Liberal coalition

of Mr Schlüter a combined 4

per cent of the vote, ensuring its

continuation after the election.

With the small, but pivotal, Radical Liberal Party, which supports the coalition, tipped to win 4 per cent of the vote, the prospect of the Government achieving majority parliamen-tary backing for its first Conservative leader since 1901, called elections last week after parliament rejected the co-alition's key 1984 Finance Bill.

Since the Second World War. only two of 14 governments have managed to secure a majority. Thirteen parties are fighting the January election, the seventh in 13 years.

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The price | A success of tin

Coketown, first discovered by Dickens, has spread since like a disease. Global Report (BBC2) examined a typically malignant growth 15,000 feet up in the Bolivian Andes where the human victims creep thought-fully about in the bright, lunar

Everything in Siglo Veinte revolves round the mine, whence the adult males extract tin for a fixed wage of £20 a month. "We don't expect to be in the way of the way long." said one. "Our life is finished in five years. There is no other work for us - there is nothing but the mine." The adult females spend a lot of time queueing at the company where many are in chronic debt. The young wait to move up into the placed vacated by their parents.

The Tin Trap was based on a simple, even obvious idea: it followed one miner on his daily round, then accompanied him along the route taken by his produce to London, Higon Cussi Guzman, 33, smiling handsome, already once hospitalized for a year by a near-fatal accident, was seen lighting the touch-paper and standing (fairly) well clear: no wonder the devil, a blood-red, trident-toting figure towering over him in the tunnel, gets so many prayers.

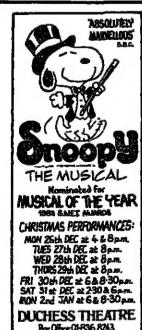
Tender farewells, then off to La Paz. First stop, surprise surprise, a roadblock by miners, and an address by a government official on the consequences of a drop in world prices. From La Paz to London, and to the Metal Exchange, where Higon was both amazed and amused.

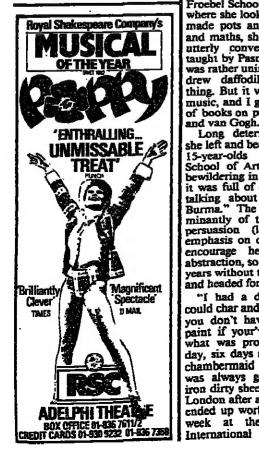
Here young people earned their living as though by a party game, shouting and waving their fingers in the air. Higon wondered innocently whether more mature dealers might not take account of the human captial involved. A more mature dealer put him right. "It's aggressive, it's a young man's business. Human capital doesn't come into the calculation.

Then Higon went down a mine, surfacing full of wonder at the streamlined safety, and remarking enviously that in Britain you can work a long time before you get silicosis". On the way back to Siglo Veinte he said he had learned how his mine could be improved. What had we learned? Something about the meaning of inflation.

Pride of Our Alley (ATV). Alan Plater's dramatization of the life of Gracie Fields, was cast in the form of a radio interview with the singer in middle age, with flashbacks to her gutsy, determined begin nings. Polly Hemingway was really was - our Gracie, from first to last: a remarkable performance which evoked the sort of affectionate loyalty her sepia, looked grittily authentic; the smutty jokes rang wryly true; the voice modulated from an aggressive shout to lightness

Michael Church





-for all ages

Peter Pan Barbican

First seen last Christmas, the RSC's Peter Pan is a brave - at the time, some thought it crazy

- attempt to bury tired and tatty revivals for good and all, reclaim Barrie's fairy play and recreate its magic with all the aid of the company's bank of talent and the resources of the Barbican stage.

It succeeds spectacularly; that is the word. With a few additions to the text showing awareness of the flesh-and-blood friends that unwittingly roused the play from Barrie's creative mind, it becomes a production to satisfy adults and filits about the children equally but simultaneously for very different a charmed life.

From the lovingly detailed domesticity of a cream-painted Edwardian nursery, John Napier's seis take a confident leap into Neverland; a vast, treeplanted mound sewn with velvety moss in myriad colours, an ocean of swirling blue silk, a stoutly seventeenth-century pirate deck with skulls prominent among its carvings. With this stage's unrestricted height,

Moby Dick Royal Exchange

Manchester

I did not care for the vindictiveness with which the Royal Exchange announced Patrick McGoohan's withdrawal from this show: but it is true that had he taken part in it, Michael Elliott's production would have stood as a perfect heroic counterpart to the legendary Brand which first brought Elliott and McGoohan together

in the 1950s. As it is, Melville's Whaler is under the command of Brian Cox, who brings everythings to the role of Captain Ahab apart from the sheer sense of magnitude. Making one of the most long-delayed entrances on record, he is suddenly there - a supernaturally still presence, his

"One loves the idea of sheer

She was brought up and spent

most of her life in Barnes in west London. Her father ran a factory which made expensive

hats for men. Her mother came

and headed for Cornwell.

"I had a dreamy idea you

could char and paint, but in fact

you don't have the energy to paint if your've been working what was probably a 14-hour

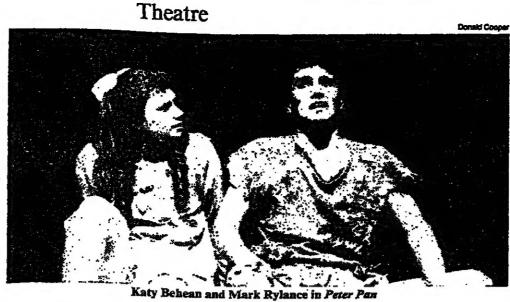
day, six days a week." Being a

chambermaid was terrible - I

was always getting caught to iron dirty sheets". Returning to

ended up working three days a week at the AIA (Artists'

Association)



the flying effects are breathtaking. Mark Rylance, taking over Peter fresh from playing Ariel in The Tempest, launches into air "like a creature native and inbued unto that element" that flits about the precipitous terrain as though he really bore

As was noticed last year, it is good to see a really boyish sprite. With his delicate appearance, Mr Rylance can afford to be pretty gruff and arrogant in compensation. He also has a strange quality of unreachable-ness: it made him a very poignant Ariel and it dooms the efforts of Katy Behean's passionately mothering Wendy from the start.

Stephen Moore doubles as

all the humanity that still

lingers in the crazy old man. What is missing is the demonic

Greek myth than 19th-century

shouting at the top of his voice.

voyage into a metaphysical

(partnered by Frances Tomelty, who truly does have a sweet indefinable smile) and a sardonically courtly Captain Hook, venomously addressing his rhapsody about the children "in their homes abed" to us out front, up long past our bed-times. Stephen Oliver's score gives him a little minuet with Scottish dotted rhythms; but the most haunting piece, used for Mrs Darling's lullaby and Wendy's dream of her house, and repeated in in infinitely varied orchestration, is a melody he originally intended for the fairies' song at the end of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

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Quitely overseeing the whole

voyage of revenge. Almost led off course by his affection for the mad Pip, and finally sighting his prey with the cry of lingering encounter between Ahab and John Cording's Starbuck, where the old man, having threatened to kill the an ecstatic lover, he brings out insubordinate mate, relents and allows him to patch-up the leaking oil barrels.

A great virtue of adaptation is side: when he roars his defiance that despite being extremely into the storm and reforges his harpoon in a scene closer to to dwell on key episodes and allow breathing intervals for whaling, drama subsides into the spectacle of a bulky actor work shanties and even sunbathing amidst the otherwise unrelenting battle with the Mr Cox does have the elements.
The Royal Exchange, as its

authority to carry out the main task of converting a ship's regulars will agree, might have company into a pack of been designed with Moby Dick warriors, thus setting up the in mind. Even before the internal divisions that separate production begins the outer him from Starbuck, Ishmael perimeter resounds with the and the others who resist the sound of whale music: this then transformation of a trading gives way to the suck of the tides and wind, melodiously melancholy choruses of seals quest. And the production has dark coat and hat in stark the strength of casting to make which the crew take for cries of contrast with the crew's costume, apart from the whalebone count. One of the best scenes in apocalyptic detonation as Moby which the crew take for cries of all these separate relationships the drowned, and finally the

mundane paterfamilias is Edward Petherbridge's narrator, his accent naturally north of the border, with Barrie's stage directions as well as passages from the Peter Pan novel. Drily glaring at Hook's crocodile as its innards sound the Westminster chimes, he can be immensely funny but his conjuring-up of a parade of Peter's "lost boys" in adult careers from judge to titled swell has its full significance. And John Caird's production, while marvellously busy on occasion, also justifies its unfamiliar text with the moving final sequences in which Peter's anguished unfulfilment comes disturbingly explicit.

Anthony Masters

leg that drives him on his Mr Elliott's adaptation is the Dick takes the ship down to the bottom. The acting area, rigged to the

flies, evokes the Pequod with heavy timber pieces including a huge mast and sail; but the triumph of Laurie Dennett's design comes at the end where the floor covering inflates into the heave and swell of the sea compressed, it always has time that swallows up Ahab and his

There are fine individual performances, particularly from Terence Weilton, who creates a figure of great dignity and warmth from the cannibla queequeg. But the heart of the show is in its seagoing panto-mime (movement by Litz Pisk and Sue Lefton): not only on board, but in the hunting forays by open boat with crew members seated on the empty floor rowing towards an invisible prey and chilling your blood through the sheer power

Irving Wardle erty tycoon who decides to drop out and of his son who

Concert

Bubbling along cheerfully

English Concert/Pinnock

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Queen Elizabeth Hall

This bubbling cheerfully played programme of "Concerts for Christmas" made me think again about the current vogue for baroque orchestras and the sound of period instruments. It would be difficult to think of two more different textures, interpretative approaches and resultant sounds than that of the airy, quicksilver, enjoyable but somehow superficial Han-del Concerto Grosso movement, which Trevor Pinnock's band played as their encore, and the performance of the same movement on Nikolaus Harnoncourt's recent recording of Handel's Op 6. Yet both claim to use period instruments and authentic" playing styles.
This may mean that we are

simply entering a newly mature era when old-instrument performances can be as diverse as those on new instruments.

even now dipping their pens in caustic to ask what their network thought it was doing

putting out not just a musical

but a rock musical as the

Christmas week Monday Play.

Surely, they will argue, such stuff belongs on Radio I.

to assure them that in Nick and

Tony Bicat's Class (December 19; director, Michael Heffer-nan) their shrunken criteria had

led them to dismiss a musico-

dramatic pearl. Unfortunately,

and while I shall continue to uphold the enterprise of Radio

4 in making the attempt, the experience of actually listening

to this confection from start to

finish has left me with hardly a

Described as "a rock car-

toon" (cartoon implying, surely,

brevity, wit, penetration, resonance) Class maundered on for

an hour and three quarters telling us in empty dialogue, witless lyrics and for the most

part deeply unmemorable music of a disenchanted prop-

word to say in its defence.

How I would like to be able

week in which he demonstrated how seventeenth and eighteenth century writers spoke of the violin as an eloquent, sweet, tender, powerful, agile instru-

All those qualities could be heard in Simon Standage's solo playing, particularly in his supremely eloquent slow movements and Telemann's B flat Concerto to Vivaldi's "Winter" from The Four Seasons, But was his playing attractive because it sounded reasonably like something to which we are accustomed?

That is the problem which Noël Goodwin's original reference to "the whining strings of baroque scholarship" – disliked by Dr Field – quite pertinently addresses; these instruments should surely sound different. We have to put up with various little fluffs and squeaks even from an ensemble as far

Certainly the sophisticated advanced as Pinnock's the playing of Pinnock's orchestra supported Dr Christopher Gemonstrate a notion of expressivity, of rhetorical discourse sivity, of rhetorical discourse which is unusual. When seven teenth-century theorists wrot of sweetness, they may will have had something in mind closer to Mr Goodwin's whining than to Isaac Stern.

No one could confuse the sound of the modern oboe with that of its baroque equivalent David Reichenberg, in a most beautiful account of the slow movement of Albinoni's Op 9 No 2 Concerto, showed how : timbre shorn of its rich harmonics can be just as affecting as a richly coloured

He had a disturbing tendency to land slightly below the note, but his phrasing was sharp and his sense of rhythm taut. So too was Trevor Pinnock's in his own solo, Handel's concerto for organ in B flat Op 4 No 2.

Nicholas Kenyon

Radio Rock horror

complements Dad's decline by a rocketing rise in the music management business. One characteristic of some of the more militant Radio 4 listeners is a very clear notion of what the network ought and With that message of seasoought not to do. No doubt a nal goodwill delivered, let me number of correspondents are

trun to jollier things - such as Radio Active's Christmas Turkey (Radio 4, Dec 20; producer Jamie Rix) which at the top of its form nicely enshrined certain recognizable aspects of the spirit of Christmas as it is, in contradistinction to what it is supposed to be. Having recently spent some dire moments listening to groups of small boys singing "Hark, the herald angels"—apparently to as many tunes as boys - I was especially impressed with the station's promotion of the carol-alarm. Convincingly mimics large dog, lion, snake and Rabbi: "Boy, did you get the wrong house!"

(Radio 3, Dec 20; producer, David Perry) a certain added edge, although truly Russell Davies's programme, needed no and Cajun cookery. Jazz lyrics account for. marvellously pointed up the subject matter.

One of the week's most curious and absorbing pro-grammes turned up in the grammes turned up in Radio 4 late Saturday evening slot. In Living Memory (Dec 17; producer, Barbara Crowther), June Knox-Mawer spoke to three people, a child of seven, a man of 40 and a woman of 81, each of whom possesses a clear, detailed picture of the sevens detailed picture of what appears to be a previous existence. She also questioned Professor Ian Stevenson, an American psychologist who specializes in this sort of mystery, and, most productively. Dr Rupert Sheldrake, a British biochemist who has already caused a bit of a stir with some of his ideas on evolution. Here he was proposing the possibility of a collective memory is able to make contact as if it were a radio receiver. The approach of the season of gluttony may have given Red ill-understood. Conceivably Beans and Rice in Paradise explained - a possibility for which Ma Knox-Mawer's most persuasive advocate was the child, Catherine. She was not help of any sort. Here he took us on a conducted tour of New years, but possessed of percepus on a conducted tour of New years, but possessed of perceptions and its hinterland with particular reference to Creole many of them not too easy to

David Wade

Interview A new sense of freedom



Gillian Ayres: the abstract excites

from Somerset farming stock. After some pleasant years at the Gallery in Lisle Street, of Shaftesbury Avenue. The painter Henry Mundy, whom she later married and eventually divorced, did the other three days. It became a meeting place for painters, writers and Soho Bohemia.

One printer was Michael cannot make a living without teaching, she reckons our art students get good value for money. "Now the authorities are trying to make art schools systematic, and they are destroying them, she said" Gillian Ayres believes that she too, benefited from teaching. "In the Froebel School at Roehampton, where she looked after the goat, made pots and excelled at art and maths, she found St Paul's utterly conventional, "I was taught by Pasmore's sister, who was rather uninspring - you just drew daffodils, that sort of

thing. But it was very good for music, and I got something out of books on people like Monet and van Gogh."

Long determined to paint, some modernization at South Hampstead (girls) School, and he commissioned her to paint four hugh panels for the school she left and became one of three dining room. The workers though she was going mad as, Jackson Pollock-like, she swirled the paint on in a tremendous release of creative with leavest the result caused some 15-year-olds at Camberwell School of Art, "It was rather bewildering in human terms, as it was full of ex-service people talking about the desert and Burma." The teachers, predoenergy. The result caused some consternation, but the panels beloed shape the psyches of the girls for 13 years, then disappeared, presumed destroyed. minantly of the Euston Road persuasion (low-key colours, emphasis on drawing), did not encourage her proclivity to abstraction, so she left after four years without taking any exams, Happily, as a result of research Tor this show, they were found undamaged beneath a layer of

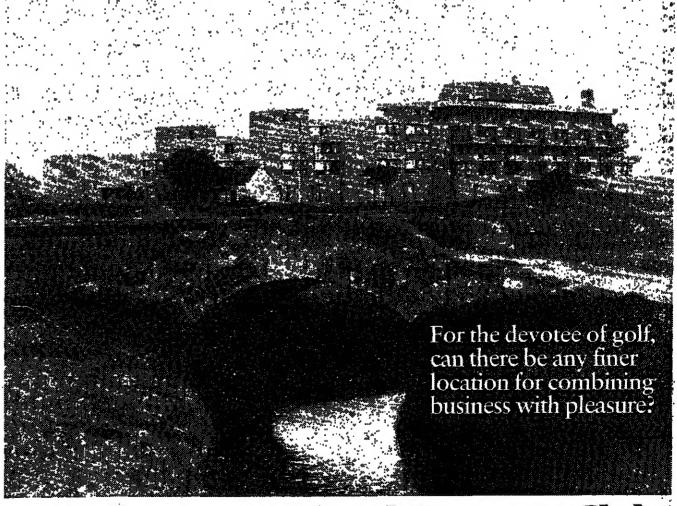
In 1959, two years later, she began what became 22 years of part-time teaching: first under the remarkable Clifford Ellish at Bath Academy Heath; then at St Martin's in London, where Anthony Caro and others were then siring a new generation of sculptors in welded steel; and finally as head of painting at Winchester School of Art. London after a few months, she Since most British painters

One visitor was Michael benefited from teaching. "In the long run one gets a lot our of it.
Besides all the people you mix
with, you also get something out
of the best third of students — Greenwood, an architect doing and you can talk seriously about

At Winchester she became seriously ill and in 1981 resigned. She had often stayed with her sister in Wales in the 1950s, and decided to settle ther with her two sons. "I have liked the west of Britain, mountain landscapes, all my life. At one level I had always had a funny, almost private thing about getting out and being able to think on my own."

She found an old rectory in the Llyn Penisula near Snowdonia and there, amid her chickens, vegetables and apple trees and surrounded by Welshspeakers from whom she has had nothing but kindness, she has created her often huge new works with a new sense of

Roger Berthoud



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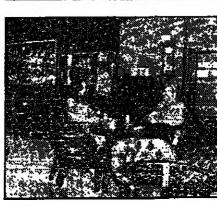
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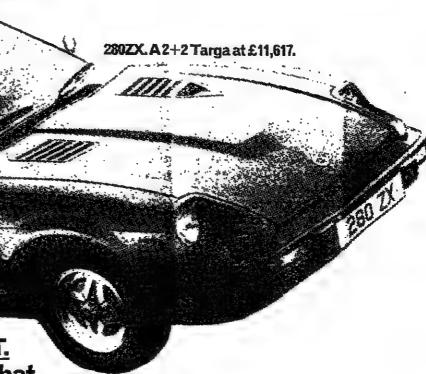
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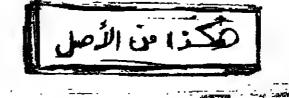
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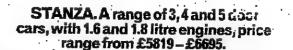
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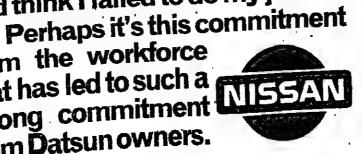
They find nothing remarkable about taking a car into the searing heat of the desert and simulating stop-start traffic

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A seasonal story of Santa Claus in the Deep South

One Christmas

Twickers in a twist

prologue. My mother, who was

exceptionally intelligent, was the

most beautiful girl in Alabama.

Everyone said so, and it was true;

and when she was 16 she married a

28-year-old businessman who came from a good New Orleans family.

The marriage lasted a year. My

mother was too young to be a mother or a wife; she was also too

ambitious - she wanted to go to college and to have a career. So she

left her husband; and as for what to

do with me, she deposited me in the

Over the years, I seldom saw either of my parents. So far as I was

concerned, this was not an un-

pleasant situation. I was happy where I was, I had many kindly relatives, aunts and uncles and

cousins, particularly one cousin, an elderly, white-haired, slightly

crippled woman named Sook. Miss

she was by far my best friend, It was Sook who told me about

Santa Claus, his flowing beard, his red suit, his jangling present-filled sled, and I believed her, just as I

believed that everything was God's will, or the Lord's, as Sook always

called Him. If I stubbed my toe, or

fell off a horse, or caught a good-

sized fish at the creek - well, good or bad, it was all the Lord's will. And that was what Sook said when she

received the frightening news from

New Orleans: my father wanted me

to travel there to spend Christmas

I cried. I didn't want to go, I'd never left this small, isolated

Alabama town surrounded by

forests and farms and rivers. Then,

too. I was afraid of strangers, and my father was a stranger. I had seen

him several times, but the memory

was a haze: I had no idea what he

Lord's will. And who knows. Buddy.

Snow! Until I could read myself,

Sook read me many stories, and it

seemed a lot of snow was in almost

all of them. Drifting, dazzling fairytale flakes, it was something I'd

dreamed about; something magical

and mysterious that I wanted to see

and feel and touch. Of course I

like that. My first stop was in

Mobile, I changed buses there, and

rode along forever and forever

through swampy lands and along

sea-coasts until we arrived in a loud

city tinkling with trolley cars and

packed with dangerous foreign-look-

And suddenly, as I stepped off the

bus, a man swept me in his arms.

squeezed the breath out of me, he

was laughing, he was crying - a tall,

good-looking man, laughing and crying. He said: "Don't you know

me? Don't you know your daddy?"
I was speechless. I didn't say a

word until at last, while we were riding along in a taxi, I asked: "Where is it?"

"I thought there would be a lot of

He looked at me strangely, but

laughed. "There never has been any

snow in New Orleans. Not that

heard of. But listen. Hear that

That night, when I went to bed, it

was still raining. I said my prayers and prayed that I would soon be

home with Sook. I didn't know how

I could ever go to sleep without

Sook to kiss me goodnight. The fact

was. I couldn't go to sleep, so I began to wonder what Santa Claus-would bring me. I wanted a pearl-

handled knife. And a big set of jigsaw puzzles. A cowboy hat with

matching lasso. And I wanted a box

of crayons.

My father seemed to have

everything - a car with a rumble

seat, not to mention an old, pink

pretty little house in the French Quarter. He also had a half-dozen,

I'd say full-dozen, lady friends.

thunder? It's sure going to rain!"

Our house? It's not far -

"Not the house. The snow."

ing people. That was New Orleans.

It was a 400-mile trip, something

never had, and neither had Sook.

maybe you'll see snow.

elderly,

care of her large Alabama family...

SPORTING

DIARY

I bear Christmas tidings that should have every Twickenham diehard spluttering into his preprandials: a group of determined ladies has just stablished a national association for women's game has existed, mostly atuniversities, for some years now, but the ladies are extending their range.

Tricia Moore, spokesperson for the organization, is not sure if it can get away with calling itself the Women's Rugby Union (the acronym might be confused with the Welsh). She says: "Our games tend to be more tactical than men's games, with a good deal less gratuitous violence. But it is still a very aggressive game; 'we play to exactly the same rules as the men. It is played in a good spirit though, about as ladylike as it could be, in the circumstances. We have been told we are about the same standard as a good 14-year-old schoolboy

Two's a crowd

Every week we hear more horror stories of Football League clubs agonizing about their dwindling attendances. They should worry: the recent titanic clash between the French third division club Olympique Lyonnais and A.J. Auxerre attracted an audience of exactly one Gate receipts were 20 francs: I hope this unknown football supporter did not begrudge it overmuch. The result was 0-0.

Après le deluge

Ivory Coast footballers can feel justified in being a bit cross. In the final of the Exowas Trophy. Togo and Ivory Coast were locked together 1-1 at the end of normal time. Ivory Coast took the lead after three minutes of extra time, but with five minutes to go there was a cloudburst and the referee took the players off. When he tried to restart the match, the Togo players refused, saying the pitch was water-logged The referee then awarded the match to Ivory Coast, but the competition's organizing committee overruled him, and decided on a "compromise" solution of a full

BARRY FANTONI



Yes, dear, it means Mammy will be home for Christmas

Getting it taped.

Ballesteros, McEnroc, Davis - relax. have decided not to take up Videotherapy. This is a programme combining self-hypnosis and big names with clever advice which will make me better at just about everything in sport. There are also Videotherapy techniques for giving up smoking and losing weight, and even, apparently, "combating the stress of modern living." However, Seve. John Patrick and Steve can be assured that I would never take advantage of them like this.

Different tack

Horsy people are the bitter end, and I should know, because I am one. For it is not the sensible, helpful and unfindable-elsewhere information on London riding stables that attracted me first in the recently published Good Ride Guide but its occasional negative report in unminced words. Tales of unscheduled sallops through West End traffic, the zorrors of Hampstead and one stable stocked with horses trained to rear and fall down for film work warm any horseperson's natural love of bitchery. One establishment is summed up laconically: "No hacking, no men - no thank you."

Rallying round

Two American table tennis players have set what could well be an unbreakable world record for the game's longest rally. Rick Bowling and Rich Dewitt are the goggle-eyed-pair, and it was Rick who missed the first ball - after ten hours and nine

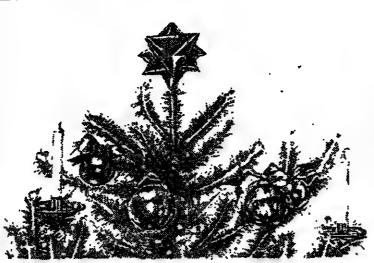
Geldings gilded

If you are looking for a Christmas present for Daniel Wildenstein or the Aga Khan, you could not do better than give them a copy of Robert Sangster's diary. This is the natuest new publication in racing. and features the horseracing tycoon in all his panoply of splendour.

It is a kind of body-building performance, a choreographed display of all Sangster's equi-financial muscles popping and writhing. The little black book, with its metal corners and gilt-edged pages, tells you everything you ever wanted to know about Sangster, but were too cool to ask: his stallions, potential stallions, trainers, interests in Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the United States, Venezuela – Sangster glorio-sus. This one will run and run (unlike Golden Fleece).

Simon Barnes

by Truman Capote



miserable I was. He would say: "Tell the truth. Don't you want to come and live here with me in New Orleans?

"What do you mean you can't?" "I miss Sook. I miss Queenie: we have a little rat terrier, a funny little

thing. But we love her."

He said: "Don't you love me?"

I said: "Yes." But the truth was, except for Sook and Queenie and a few cousins and a picture of my beautiful mother beside my bed. I had no real idea of what love meant. I soon found out. The day before Christmas, as we were walking along Canal Street, I stopped dead still,

mesmerized by a magical object that saw in the window of a big toy store. It was a model airplane large enough to sit in and pedal like a bicycle. It was green and had a red propeller. I was convinced that if you pedalled fast enough it would take off and flv! That night i prayed that Santa

Claus would bring me the airplane. Of course, I had never seen a weighted, jangling, belly-swollen giant flop down a chimney and gaily dispense his largesse under a Christmas tree. My cousin Billy Bob, who was a mean little runt but had a brain like a fist made of iron. said it was a lot of hoocy, there was no such creature.

"My foot!" he said. "Anybody would believe there was any Santa Claus would believe a mule was a horse." This quarrel took place in the tiny courthouse square. I said: "There is a Santa Claus because what he does is the Lord's will and whatever is the Lord's will is the truth." And Billy Bob, spitting on the ground, walked away.

My father's house had three floors and seven rooms. It was the kind of house best displayed by lacquered velvet there. It could have been mistaken for the house of a rich man: rather, it was the place of a man with an appetite for elegance. To a poor (but happy) barefoot boy from Alabama it was a mystery how he managed to satisfy that desire. But it was no mystery to my

mother. Many years later, she visited me in a snobbish New England boarding school when something I said tossed her into a rage; she shouted: "So you don't know how he lives so well? Charters yachts and cruises the Greek Islands? His wives! Think of the whole long string of them. All widows. All rich. Very rich. And all much older than he. Too old for any sane young man to marry. That's why you are his only child. And that's why I'll never have another child - I was too young to have any babies, but he was a beast, he

wrecked me. he ruined me -" All the while she talked (and I tried not to listen, because by telling me my birth had destroyed her, she was destroying me), tunes suddenly

reminded me of the strange haunting party my father had given in New Orleans that Christmas Eve.

The patio was filled with candles, and so were the three rooms leading off it. After I had been introduced to the guests, and been made much of, I had been sent upstairs; but from the terrace outside my French-shut-tered bedroom door, I could watch all the party, see all the couples dancing. I watched my father waltz a graceful lady around the pool that surrounded the mermaid fountain. She was graceful, and dressed in a wispy silver dress that shimmered in the candlelight: but she was old - at least 10 years older than my father. who was then 35.

Then I saw something that made me blink. My father and his agile partner had danced themselves into a niche shadowed by scarlet spider orchids: and they were embracing, kissing. I was so startled, I was so irate. I ran into my bedroom, jumped into bed and pulled the covers over my head. What would my nice looking young father want with an old woman like that! And why didn't all those people downstairs go home so Santa Claus could

Several things occurred that kept me awake the whole night. First, the me? No. Sook would never lie to me. She believed.

watched until my father had finished his chores and blown out the few candles that still burned. I waited until I was sure he was in bed and sound asleep. Then I crept downstairs to the parlour.

truth. An anger, a weird malice was spiralling inside me: It was not he turned out to be its victim.

ran through my head. They helped me not to hear her, and they

footfalls, the noise of my father running up and down the stairs, breathing heavily. I had to see what he was up to. So I hid on the balcony among the bougainvillea. I saw him crawling around under the Christmas tree in the parlour arranging a pyramid of packages. I felt dizzy, for what I saw forced me to reconsider everything. If these were presents intended for me, then obviously they had not been ordered by the Lord and delivered by Santa Claus: no, they were gifts bought and wrapped by my father. Which meant that my rotten little cousin Billy Bob and other rotten kids like him weren't lying when they taunted me and told me there was no Santa Claus. The worst thought was: Has Sook known the truth, and lied to

I sat there, thinking: Now I will have to be the one to tell Sook the directed towards my father, though

When the dawn came I decided to open the packages: It was Christmas morning, I was awake, so why not? I won't bother to describe what was inside them: just shirts and sweaters and dull stuff like that. The only thing I appreciated was a quite snazzy cap-pistol. Somehow I got the idea it would be fun to waken

He raced out of his room wild-

Buddy - what the hell to you think you're doing?" Bang. Bang. Bang. "Stop that!"

I laughed. "Look, Daddy, Look at all the wonderful things Santag laus

I smiled at him. He smiled at me. There was a tender lingering moment, shattered when lightlid: "Yes. But what are you going to give me. Daddy?" His smile evaporated. His eyes narrowed suspiciously, you could see that he thought il was pulling some kind of stunt: Builhen he blushed, as though he was ashamed to be thinking what he was thinking. He patted my head and coughed and said: "Well, I thought

Alabama, but I was adamant - I insisted it should go with me on the bus that I was taking at two o'clock

ver. The problem was a large silver flask of moonshine; maybe it was because of my departure, but anyway my father had been swilling it all day, and on the way to the bus station, he scared me by grabbing I'm not going to let you go. I can't let you go back to that crazy family in that crazy old house. Just look at what they've done to you. A boy six. almost seven, talking about Samu Claus! It's all their fault, all those sour old spinsters with their Bibles and their knitting needles, those drunken uncles, Listen to me. Buddy. There is no God! There is no

He was squeezing my wrist so hard that it ached. "Sometimes, oh. God. I think your mother and I, the both of us, we ought to kill ourselves to have let this happen . . . Kiss me. Please, Please, Kiss me, Tell your daddy that you love him." But I couldn't speak. I was terrifled I was going to miss my bus. And I was worried about my plane, which was strapped to the top of the taxi. "Say it: 'I love you.' Say it. Please. Buddy.

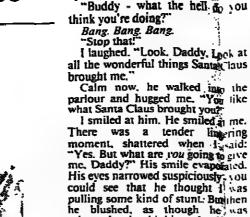
Twelve hours later I was home in bed. The room was dark. Sook was sitting beside me, rocking in a rocking chair, a sound as soothing as

is a Santa Claus. It's just that no single somebody could do all he has to do. So the Lord has spread the task among us all. That's why everybody is Santa Claus, I am. You are. Even your cousin Billy Bob. Now go to sleep. Count stars. Think

Stars sparkled, snow whirled inside my head; the last thing I remembered was the peaceful voice of the Lord telling me something must do. And the next day I did it. I went with Sook to the post office and bought a penny postcard. That same postcard exists today. It was found in my father's safety deposit box when he died last year. Here is what I had written: "Hello pop hope you are well I am and I am lurning io pedel my plain so fast I will soon be in the sky so keep your eyes open

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I'd wait and let you pick? nut something you wanted. Is there anything particular you want?" reminded him of the airplane we had seen in the toy store on Canal Street. His face sagged. Oh, yes, he remembered the airplane and how expensive it was. Nevertheless the next day I was sitting in that airplane dreaming I was zooming toward heaven while my father wrote out a cheque for a happy salesman. There had been since argument about sending the plane to

that afternoon. But I wasn't free of New Orleans

Santa Claus."

Occan waves.

She stroked her fingers through my hair, and said: "Of course there

and yes I love you Buddy."



Noel Annan

Jobs for life but not too soon

dons continue to be given a contract which guarantees employment for 40 years? Academic staff, cvopt in Cambridge and one or two other institutions, get tenure after only three years' probation and are scure in their job until 65. Now Sir Keith Joseph, the Education Secretary lias advised the Privy Council of to allow any university to amount its statutes unless it adds redundancy along with ill-health, miscondict or scandalous behaviour as a

cause" for dismissal. No wonder. When the Goran-ment cut university costs. Suior academic staff were asked whake early retirement. The compensation paid to those who did reflected the fact that had they been dismissed. they could have sued for breath of contract. So the taxpayer half to provide £100m. The DES has warned universities to expect 100se more staff by the 1990s and Sir Keith faces another huge bill.

About half the universities guarantee tenure for everyone. The other half have break claudin lecturers' contracts, but these seem to be a dead letter. So in no don has been made redundani and the universities and colleges walking to change their statutes are how refusing to insert the clause Sir

Keith wants. As always, the universities are ready to explain why change is impossible. First, they ask, whyfus? Why should civil servants or the staffs of museums and galleries have tenure and not dons? Next they argue that academic freedom is at stake. Tenure protects those with original minds which often eem subversive of received wisdom in their subjects. In fact there are numbers of safeguards, not least the

vigilance of the Association of University Teachers (AUT). There is another and stronger argument, though it would not mpress executives in industry who have been made redundant through no fault of their own. It is this: An army officer is trained in a multitude of skills which enable him to apply successfully on retirement for another job. But a don who studies Egyptology or Topology disqualifies himself from alternative employment.

The universities urge the Government to face realities. When they heard a whisper that the Government was thinking of bringing in a one-line bill to abolish tenure they pointed out that this would apply only to new staff. The sitting tenants are secure. Parliament would hardly pass a bill depriving the members of a profession of their contractual rights under Common Law.

They judge that university councils and senates will never vote to make redundancy a cause for

dismissal. So, say some vice-chancellors, why not leave it to us? We will soon ensure that only 40 per cent of siaff will have tenure and they will enjoy. it for no longer than 25 years. But no. move to do so has been observed. In the past 15 years the universities have resisted virtually all proposals for saving money voluntarily what-

ver party was in power. The AUT could never get its members out on strike academic staff know that if they did the Government would be unmoved and the public amused. But when the AUT advises its members to stand on their contractual right to tenure, it is as formidable as the NGA's opposition to the use of modern technology in newspaper production. Both unions are protecting the jobs of their members with this difference - the universities are

not over-manned. Someone who has spent 15 years establishing himself as a scholar of distinction should not be dismissed overnight. Tenure is reasonable and necessary for scholars. But not on the present terms. The present probationary period is, a scholal. No one can judge in two and a half years whether a young scholar will mature into a good teacher who is likely to produce interesting research for many years or become renowned for learning. No American university grants tenure as frivolously as we do. No one should get tenure until he is at least 35. The retiring age should be fixed at 60, the university (not the scholar) having the right to reemploy at a lower-salary for no longer than five years. Such conditions would make universities far more flexible and able.

to respond to new developments. it would be reasonable for the Government to invite universities to amend their statutes on these lines and it should require them to do so not later than the end of next year. If they did not comply, the Govern-ment should introduce a bill making redundancy good cause for dismissal of any new member of academic staff at any age. If that happens, a safeguard which scholars need, would be lost. But it would not be the first time that universities would have brought a bad policy upon themselves. The last time they did so was over the fees for overseas

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David Cohen

No stocking, just the usual dilemma

Good Jews don't have Christmas Chanukkah presents, St Nicholas compromise was to have a small Christmas tree. She placed it well away from the windows that gave out on to the street so that if the rabbi passed he would not glimpee the offending tinsel.

My mother wanted a Christmas tree for two reasons. She did not like to advertise the fact that we were different and there was also the question of prudence. Ever since her youth in Romania, she had been worried by rumours that God might actually be a goy rather than a Jewish patriarch so she occasionally popped into the local Catholic church to light candles. That couldn't be too bad. After all, as good Jews we lit candles on Friday. Candles had to be ecumenical.

Christmas provokes all kinds of gentle unease among Jews, unease because you don't want to mark yourself out as being that different and unease because it requires toughness not to succumb to Christmas fever. As it happens, December sees the Jewish festival of Chanukkah, and even "bad" Jews like me bridle when friends say, without the least malice, that it's the

In fact. Chanukkah celebrates the miracle of the oil when the Jews reentered the Temple. There was enough oil for only one day, but it lasted eight days. On each evening of the eight days of Chanukkah, one lights a new candle on the *menoral*t, the eight-branched candelabrum. Some Jews give their children small presents every evening of the lestival. Some orthodox Jews have now reverted to a tradition of giving "Chanukkah geldt". Yiddish for money. That way, there can be no confusion with Christmas presents. For less orthodox Jews, the fact that Christmas itself has become less and less of a religious festival creates problems. Do you not give your children Christmas presents because it isn't a Jewish festival or do you fudge and give them presents that

concept to make the mind boggle.

you don't call Christmas presents? Many fudge, but some "Christian" traditions are much harder to . adopt. While I found plenty of Jews who admitted, guiltily, that they really couldn't deprive their children of the presents all other children got. I didn't find any who put out Christmas stockings.

When I was little, my ecumenical mother managed to fudge things well. In Eastern Europe, they had also celebrated the feast of St Nicholas as an occasion for giving presents. That often falls in December too. So, in good years, I got

Correction

In early editions yesterday the word "British" was printed in place of "Irish" in the following passage of Dr Garret FitzGerald's article: "A different and somewhat contrasting error which has encouraged the IRA in particular, and which has been particularly resented by trish politicians, has been the series of direct and indirect contacts with the IRA and Sinn Fein on the part of past Secretaries of State."

and, if the dates fell right, it wasn't too clear precisely what festival tile

presents were for.
For really orthodox Jews, capecially the Hassids with their long frock coats, there is none of this domestic unease and confusion. Christmas exists to be ignored. Or not quite. According to Jswish tradition, studying the Torah, the first five books of the Bible, adds to the radiance and life energy of the world. It is sublimely a good thing to

But there is a tradition that one does not study the Torah on Christmas Eve. The logic is obvious. if uncomfortable. The coming of Christ meant not just suffering and persecution for the Jews but being edged out from their position as the main monotheistic religion. On the day when Christians celebrate that, why should pious Jews add to the radiance and energy of the world? A friend once showed me a picture of two rabbis zealously playing chess on Christmas Eve in order not to

study the Torah.
I have not studied the Torah since my barmitzvah but i understand that stealthy aggression towards Christmas. The only time I went to midnight mass I felt uneasy. I was going to get married to a Catholic who, before feminism made her faith impossible, took rituals seriously. She was going with her family to their local church in New Jersey. Not to go would have meant an explanation, standing out I didn't expect to enjoy the service but I was curious and, then, quite taken aback when I found myself bristling at the carols I liked to hear muzakked in supermarket centres. Among the incense and crucifixes in the church, they made me feel surprisingly bad.

Even today, and even in tolerant countries like Britain, Jews feel under pressure not to mention such anxieties. I have no idea how many very pious Jews - if any at all - will refrain from studying the Torah. And, certainly, official Jewish bodies prefer to stress the fact that, on Christmas Day, Jews can do many things for Christians.

In many jobs, Jews volunteer to work Christmas Day; hospitals tend to be full of Jewish voluntary workers. In Manchester the organ-izer of the Hassidic Lubavitch Foundation, Mr Vogel, who cuts 2 Falstaffian figure and speaks Yiddish in a thick Manchester accent. told me that, after all, Christmas was "their festival" and it was the duty of a good Jew to be friendly and replace Christians at work so that they could celebrate their big day.

And Jews aren't unique. I have Indian friends who are bewildered by Christmas. An Irish psychiatrist explained to me how alien he felt the day of the royal wedding. That was a celebration for the British and he was outside it. So the ambivalence of Jews towards Christmas is. perhaps, not that different from the experience of other people at other times. Happy Yiddish Christmas!

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A CHILD FOR OUR TIMES

It was an unusual birth announcement, not the kind we are familiar with in the personal column of this newspaper, for instance. Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, and goodwill to all men." Indeed, the shepherds may have wondered what relevance it had at all to babies and the delivery thereof. But they did not know it was Christmas Day, when strange things always happen. It is the day when the world reverses its usual values, when strangers smile in the street, when prisoners receive little privileges at the taxpayers' expense, when there is universal care for any who are lonely, poor, or afraid, and when children are especially treasured.

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taint our enjoyment of Christmas with a little cynicism, to regard the omnipresent benevolence of the Day as superficial sentimentality and the prior extravagance as rampant materialism, but that is bound to be how the spirit of Non-Christmas would mock the spirit of Christmas. Non-Christmas would reply to the angels: "How unrealistic!" There was no more goodwill in first century Pales-tine, no more peace, than in our own world; indeed the baby born that day had to be smuggled out of the country to save its life, before long. But the angelic message is our hope, our vision of a better and kinder life, and the instinct to recall it every year, to live one day as if it were true, is the token of how desperately we need that hope.

It is difficult to escape the conclusion that had the angels attached their message to any other event at all, we would long since have forgotten it. The genius of the Christmas story, however, is that it centred upon the birth of a child, an experience so universal, and so universally wonderful, that none is excluded from it. The new born baby is innocence itself, it commands no armies, levies no taxes, knows nothing of fame, wealth, or cleverness, crime, or virtue. At the crib-side all men and women are equal, all humbled by the recollection of their own origins. In an age a little jaded by the wranglings of the doctrinal schoolmen, which wants its religion to be more of the heart than of the head, a new born baby is the ideal religious symbol. It demands no difficult intellectual assent, it demands

To deny the meaning of Christmas is to deny all that, rather than to deny the truth of some theological proposition of the traditional Christmas faith. Secularism, as we have come to experience it, is about philosophical scepticism when faced with the claims of religious dogma, and in that sense many a secular Christmas will be celebrated in Britain this year. But dogma apart, it is not secular at all; each in his own religious way experiences Christmas as the day the rules of the world are suspended, homages paid to other values, inarticulate hope is refreshed. Those who cannot

only that we be moved.

enter into its spirit are to be pitied indeed, for they are confessing their total captivity to worldliness, and denying mankind's inherent spirituality. They may well mock, may well mutter "Humbug!" with Scrooge, but the lesson of that famous tale is that Christmas is not some ridiculous fantasy when society takes leave of its senses: it is how things ought to be, a taste of a different reality. The child's desire for "Christmas every day" is not absurd; it should be the goal of all human effort. The one sin is to give up on that effort, to abandon the world to its normal nastiness, as a hopeless mess.

There was more meaning even

than that to the original Christ-mas. By the end of that first day, there was still no obvious connexion betweeen the infant in the stable and the proclamation by the angels. Merely by being born, Jesus did not achieve what they had promised. Merely by celebrating Christmas once more, we do not create a permanent state of peace and goodwill. Jesus's life was only beginning to reveal to mankind an option whose shape was not plain, just as Christmas annually keeps alive that option. but without fulfulling it. The story goes on from his birth: there was also a death, no less awesome, no less central to the meaning of the thing. For there to be Christmas every day, there has to be an Easter in every life. and the ultimate rejection of Christmas is to refuse to contemplate that price.

NO ONE TAKES THE RAP

Earls Court, London, Janauary 14. 1983; six o'clock in the evening. The scene is still vividly remembered. A yellow Mini is stationary in a rush-hour traffic. jam. It is approached by a man in a blue anorak with a revolver in his hand. There are shots. Two other armed men join the fray. The driver, five bullets in his body and beaten about the head with a revolver to within an inch of his life, lies half in half out of the car. The men with guns are policemen. Their victim is the wrong man; no firearm in his possession or his car.

The policemen were expose to danger in pursuit of a criminal who had escaped from custody. He had shot and wounded a policemen when previously arrested. The policemen were trailing, a girl with whom the criminal was keeping company. One of her companions in the car was thought to bear a resemblance to the criminal. When the car was caught in the traffic one of the policemen from a following vehicle was sent forward to investigate.

That shooting in a crowded thoroughfare and the fearful and almost fatal mistake of identity deeply shocked the public. Had the criminality of modern urban society really come to this? Was it gun law in the guise of law enforcement?

Two, of the three policemen who had used their weapons were charged with attempted murder and wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. Their defence to all charges was that of self-defence. the use of a degree of force that was necessary in the extremity if they were to protect their own

lives. They were acquitted. Though the acquittal was not to be questioned, there was lay concern at the judge's exposition of the law in the course of his summing up. His doctrine of the

fence appeared to confer an alarming licence on armed policemen to use their guns, not to mention the wider application of the doctrine beyond the police force (for in these matters the rights of the policeman are the rights of the citizen).

Cleared of criminal charges. the three detective constables who had fired at the driver of the Mini remained exposed to possible disciplinary charges. A disciplinary investigation was duly carried out by the Metropolitan Police and it was concluded that charges should not be preferred, either because of insufficient evidence or because the charges would be of a kind

precluded by the Police Act. The rule of double jeopardy. the rule that no one shall stand trial twice on the same charge, applies to the police disciplinary code when criminal charges have already been preferred. It is the rule, quite rightly, that a police officer who has been brought before the courts on a criminal charge should not, whether acquitted or convicted, thereafter be charged with a disciplinary offence which is in substance the same. The criminal trial had taken care of assault and the use of excessive force. Those issues, which were the main issues, could not be retried in the context of disciplinary proceed-

ings.
The criminal trial had however brought to light several prima-facie breaches of police standing orders or instances of disobedience. In particular, the first detective constable to approach the Mini had been sent forward to make an identification of the suspected man, not to make an arrest. There was evidence that in drawing his gun when he did he was in contravention of police regulations. There was also evidence that he

pre-emptive strike in self-de- shot at - he certainly hit - the tyres of the car, also contrary to intructions; and evidence that he fail ed - though he may have tried - to give an audible warning shout, as required.

These were apparent breaches of discipline quite distinct from the burden of the earlier criminal charges. Yet the Police Complaints Board agreed with the two senior officers of the Metropolitan Police that they should not be made the subject of disciplinary charges. Their reasoning, especially in the case of the allegedly premature drawing of the revolver (that the matter had been gone into at the trial in relation to self-defence), is hard to accept. The breaches of the rules, if that is what they were, may in themselves have been minor, but they contributed to a ghastly misadventure. It is surprising that it has not been thought proper to make them the subject of a disciplinary hearing.

The upshot is that no one high or low takes the rap for a bungled operation of almost fatal consequence which gave the public of London cause for alarm that the Chicago of their imagination had been brought to the streets of their city. No individual re-sponsibility has been fixed, except what is implied by the permanent removal of those three detective constables from the roll of police officers authorized to carry guns.

It is more important that the right lessons should be learned from an incident of this kind than that the right people should be blamed. And the Metropolitan Police and Home Office are evidently seeking to profit from those lessons, especially as they affect selection and training of for elegibility to carry firearms. But it is not unimportant either that responsibility is fixed and borne when human endeavour goes so badly wrong.

present refer certain cases for a determination of criminal law, the sentence depends essentially on the facts and circumstances of each individual case. On what basis would one sentence be too lenient

Moreover if a sentence is per-ceived to be too lenient this can only be because other sentences for the same crime were more severe. If the more severe sentences are in fact imposed (in the absence of special factors) it is difficult to see what role the Court of Appeal might have for

It is the experience of those in practice that the best person to decide the right sentence is the trial judge who hears all the facts and the mitigating circumstances advanced by the accused. As these are never precisely the same sentences obviously and rightly vary from case to

principle or his sentence is so manifestly excessive that in either instance the accused has suffered an

injustice. These sound principles should not be upset by those with a passing, and often prurient, interest in the administration of justice. For these masons the sooner the Government abandons its proposed legislation the better.

Yours sincerely. INIGO BING. 2 Pump Court, Temple, EC4. December 21.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political priority for Ireland

From Lord Hylton Sir, The duration of politically inspired violence in Ireland, which spills over into Britain, makes it clear that there is no purely security or military solution for the underlying problems. As recent correspondents (November 14, December 20, etc) have pointed out, we need a political strategy as well as effective security. We must seek more than just the good working relationships between the London and Dublin governments mentioned in the Tory Manifesto of May, 1983.

We should strive towards agreement between the two governments on medium-term aims. Now is the time, since both governments enjoy good majorities and every chance of remaining in office. In addition there is not only good will but also funds available through the EEC, in the wake of Mr N. J. Haagerup's helpful report to the European Parliament, An agreement between London and Dublin, supported by the EEC, would, I suggest, be able to call on practical backing from the USA.

I hope British people everywhere will recognize that the Irish question was not solved in 1920 or 1922. It has remained outstanding to this day, imposing heavy burdens on Britain and disproportionately greater ones on the Irish Republic. That is why agreement between the two legitimate authorities is so important.

To achieve agreement will require some willingness to sacrifice traditional political tenets and much higher political priority in Britain. Both are essential, for the problems will not go away. Yours faithfully, HYLTON, House of Lords,

Test of closed shop

December 21.

From Mr John Coleman Sir, I have an inbuilt dislike of the closed shop anywhere and lawchanging, rather than law-breaking, seems to me to be the essentially

British way of doing things.
Notwithstanding that, I think we have to remember that democracy is based on majority decision-making and not on the absolute sacredness of individual freedom. We all accept a tension between the desires of the individual and the needs of society. It seems to me that the closed shop situation should be allowed where the great majority of the workers in a firm genuinely desire it, and not allowed where there is not a strong or even overwhelming majority for

I think we pay due regard to individual freedom by not going against it until the majority is very

From Mr J. H. Morley

I believe that if we are to avoid a lot of trouble arising from the Government's recent legislation in this field it is very important to define the circumstances in which the closed shop question can arise.

What I would not like to see is pressure from outside a firm being used to pressurise a majority into favouring a closed shop. But allowing it when there is a strong majority desire for it within the firm is probably the essentially British kind of compromise. Yours sincerely.

JOHN COLEMAN. The Nook, Hook Village, Warsash, Nr Southampton, Hampshire. December 15.

Eleanor statuary

From Mrs Beryl Bandy Sir, Dr Kahn suggests (December 12) that the statues on the Queen Eleanor crosses should be preserved in a museum and replicas placed on the crosses.

The cross at Geddington is, I consider, the most beautiful of the three, and to rob it of the original statues of the queen would desecration. As the cross stands in the heart of the village, near to the church and the site of the king's palace, it is a piece of visible history, while in a museum the statues would be, very likely, of faint interest to the people who strolled

To the people of Geddington Queen Eleanor is not a remote historical figure, but has been familiar through the centuries to generations of villagers, and the cross should be left intact on the spot where it was erected almost 700 years ago. Yours faithfully.

BERYL BANDY, Maple House, Geddington, Kettering Northamptonshire December 13.

Understanding attitude to charity

From the Director of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations Sir, Your leading article, "Charitable giving and taking" (December 17), reveals a certain lack of understanding of the work of many voluntary organisations and their relationships with local authorities and central LOVETTIMENT.

Yes, the voluntary sector has grown considerably. It encompasses not only many invaluable volun-teers, whom you describe in a somewhat patronising manner, but also an increasing number of large and small voluntary organisations many of whom have paid staff.

Yes, government financing of voluntary organizations has grown, but that pattern began several years before the present Government took

The most significant increases are as a result of particular programmes where government has sought and paid for the services of voluntary organisations; for example the programme of investment in housing associations that followed the 1974 Housing Act, the Manpower Services Commission's programmes to provide training and relieve unemployment and the urban programme expanded after the nner-city riots of 1981.

Ministers typically take an active interest in these and other activities of voluntary organisations, and voluntary bodies are under obli-

gations, which they fulfil, to account to departments and other arms of government from which they receive

Your reference to the creation of Ta stage army of fully unionised and militant "volunteers" catering to the fashionable whims of sex and race" is, I suppose, a reference to a small minority of the projects funded by the Greater London Council. It will be resented by many voluntary organisations, especially those that have responded positively to involve black and other ethnic minorities in inner city areas as a part of the urban programme.

The growth of local and central government funding for voluntary

organisations has encouraged voluntary effort where it was previously lacking and hence removed the element of chance.

This is not to suggest that the voluntary sector should, or could, substitute for the statutory services. In this country we have taken strides towards a pluralist welfare society that is learning to make the most of a working partnership between paid and unpaid workers, between public and private money and between voluntary organisations and statutory agencies. Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS HINTON, Director, National Council for Voluntary Organisations, 26 Bedford Square, WC1, December 19.

the future.

Stronger role for BA From the Chairman of British

Airways

Sir, In his article of December 14, Kenneth Fleet reflected upon two important issues concerning British Airways - the "dominance of international routes and the shape of the balance sheet".

The fact is that British Airways' share of total international sched-uled take-offs and landings at Heathrow is about 37 per cent and of total international passengers at Heathrow about 41 per cent: a significant presence, but I think you will agree, hardly a dominating position,

As to the shape of the balance sheet, it should be understood that the £924m of borrowings have been loaned to us by commercial banks and are only guaranteed by the Government. They are not in any way loans from the Government using taxpayers' money. British Airways have made payments of interest and repayments of capital on their due dates from British Airways' own cash resources. The Government guarantees have never therefore been called at any time,

nor are they expected to be called in

It is our task as managers of the airline to seek to improve the performance and profitability of British Airways in the interests of our passengers, employees and shareholders, be they government or private institutions and investors. Our record speaks for itself and the nation has once again a "flag carrier" of which it can be increasingly proud. It is neither our function, nor our intention, to dismember British Airways selling off valuable commercial

If Britain is to compete effectively with the intense international competition which exists in the airline industry, it is essential that British Airways remain strong and efficient Any diminution of the role of British Airways would inevitably be of at least as much advantage to foreign competitors as the indepen dent British operations and would not be in the nation's long-term Yours faithfully.

revision of his Nash book, could

designate the building "a felicitous

materialisation of the careless,

humorous, audacious genius of its architect." He omitted his former

So Sir John's opinion has

KING, Chairman, British Airways, Cleveland House, St James's Square, SWI.

December 17) that Sir John Summerson "despised" the Granada Cinema at Tooting.

In 1935 be seems to have despised less than he despised the Royal Pavilion at Brighton, for he expressed the opinion, in his book on John Nash, published in 1935, that the Pavilion was "a curiosity which rouses only a vague, transient wonder in the visitor.

"Its ornaments are scarcely more extravagant than the roundabouts at Hampstead, which they closely resemble; for singularity of form it has long ago been surpassed by the Crystal Palace and the White City: and for richness it compares unfavourably with the Granada

Cinema at Tooting." That same year, 1935, was the year when powerful local voices were raised urging demolition of the Royal Pavilion; it was also the year when Sir Osbert Sitwell asked: "What other buildings exist in England, or, as for that, in Europe, to compare with it in individuality and exotic beauty?"

Fortunately, more people agreed with Sir Osbert than with Sir John. And by 1980 Sir John himself, in his changed! Perhaps 45 years hence his opinion of Battersea power station,

etc., will change. But let us hope that, during the interval, nobody listens to him. Yours faithfully JOHN MORLEY, Director.

The Royal Pavilion, Borough of Brighton, Sussex,

Glue sniffers

comments.

From Mrs Lena Joy Sir, As a relatively new arrival in this country may I ask what we, the ordinary people in the street, actually can/should do when coming across a couple of 10-11-year-old glue sniffers?

Do we, by the hundreds, just avert our heads discreetly, "minding our own business", as was the case one sunny Sunday lunchtime a few weeks ago along the Bayswater Yours faithfully,

LENA JOY. 7 Giles House, 158 Westbourne Grove, W11.

Control of Namibia

From Mr H. Maclear Bate

Sir, May I refer to your important article, "The Namibian pressure-point" (December 10). I believe you have correctly stated the position when you say, "... the South Africans do not wish for a settlement".

With respect, I would remind the readers of The Times that South African forces captured the territory in a "Blitzkrieg" in World War I -forces headed by the Prime Minister of the time, General Louis Botha. The territory was mandated to the then Union of South Africa.

Since that time South Africa has invested multimillions of pounds in the development of mineral resources, extensions of railways, roads, educational facilities and so on. If South-West Africa (Namibia) were to fall under a black govern-ment controlled by the Communistbacked Swapo, as it would be, the republic would have yet another hostile neighbour on its western flank.

Collapse of the economy, the rule of law, would disappear overnight and the state of the tribes would deteriorate disastrously. I submithat these are circumstances which demand that South Africa remains in complete control of the territory.

It is not without good reason that the South African Government appointed one of its cleverest oreign Affairs officers to the post of Ambassador to Washington, Dr Beaverbrother G. Fourie, formerly Permanent Secretary and Ambassa-dor at the UN, thus maintaining continuity in respect of the South-West Africa saga. I am, Sir, yours respectfully,

H. MACLEAR BATE, The Talette, Sticklepath, Okehampton, Devon.

Salvador.

Administration is passing arms to El

2. An end to an initiary support and the use of any territory for the launching of aggression against any government in the area, and 3. A commitment to respect self-determination and non-interference in internal affairs.

At the September meeting of Contadora Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica, under,

pressure from the Reagan Administration, dragged their feet "so that Mr Reagan can take matters into his own hands".

working for peace, the Reagan Administration is building up task forces in Central America and invading nations in the area. FRANCISCO d'ESCOTO. Ambassador. Embassy of Nicaragua.

Accountability in the here and now

From the Bishop of Lincoln Sir, Ronald Butt (feature, December 22) quotes Bede's tale of the sparrow flying out of the dark into the lighted hall and out again into the night. Man's life, says the tale, is like that brief moment. The tale, writes Butt, "is a reminder that Christianity has always been principally about first and last things... To-day, however, it is the things between, here and now, that are dominant in the teaching of Christian priests and

ministers. He forgets another tale, from St John. "Jesus..., knowing that he was come from God, and went to God ... took a towel ... and began to wash the disciples' feet ... after ... he said unto them ... I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you."

If Christian ministers are concerned about the "here and now" it is because they have a good example, And Jesus's example was exactly because he came from God and went to God, Our origins and our destiny in God inevitably imply

a certain way of living, in between there and now – Jesus's way.
You cannot divide time and eternity, as Ronald Butt seems to require, Jesus showed us not only what God is like, but also, in practical terms of loving service and social concern, what man can be like, because he is God's child.

It is not intellectually honest, and thereby not morally honest, for a late twentieth-century person to suggest that eternity is a Somewhere Else inhabited by a Someone Else, to which and to whom it is a Christian minister's task to direct the common gaze, at the expense of the common

ground of daily life. We have to seek for eternity within the "here and now", i.e., discern and perceive the deeper moral and spiritual significance of temporal and secular concerns and live for that. "... to apprehend the point of intersection of the timeless with time, is an occupation for the saint." What, after all, was the Cross

about? The current right-wing establishment finds this idea hard to bear. It raises such critical moral questions about some of its policies. Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's".

That is not a separation of Church and state. It is a combination of Church and state. The "and" means what it says. We have to take both seriously and together because Here and Now we are accountable. Yours sincerely SIMON LINCOLN:

Bishop's House, castgate, Lincoln. December 23.

Drug smuggling

From Lord Harris of Greenwich Sir, The Home Secretary is right to warn the country of an alarming upsurge in the abuse of dangerous drugs (report, December 15). As Chairman of the Parole Board I became increasingly disturbed by evidence that sophisticated criminals had become involved with the importation of substantial quantities of heroin and cocaine. The trade is expanding at a rapid

rate. The Treasury informed me recently that seizures of heroin and cocaine by the Customs and Excise had risen from 61kg in the first 10 months of 1979 to 202kg in the same period this year, an increase of over 300 per cent.

In the circumstances it seems extraordinary that the Government has reduced the uniformed strength of the Customs and Excise, our first line of defence against drug smugglers. Since coming into office it has cut the staff by 900 officers, a reduction of 20 per cent.

How many drug smugglers walk through the green channels at Heathrow and Gatwick without being challenged, because of these reductions in staff?

Mr Britten's warning of the extent of our drugs problem deserves to be taken seriously; not least by his colleague, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. HARRIS OF GREENWICH, House of Lords.

Peace in our time

From Mr M. M. Charlish Sir, Of the conflicts Mr Graham

December 19.

Greene cites (December 17) the American war in Vietnam was a continuation of the French war in Vietnam. In Malaya, Kenya, Angola, Nigeria. Ethiopia were civil wars/insurrections where the nuclear deterrent was not in possession by either faction, and indeed their mention helps to fortify Mr Heseltine's observation.

As for relative peace (a Humpty-Dumpty expression, surely) between 1918 and 1939, the following matches were played: Greece v Turkey, Italy v Ethiopia; Japan v Manchuria; Japan v China, inter-national games, not local Derbys. Yours faithfully,

M. McEWAN CHARLISH, 132 Park Lane, Carshalton,

Upstairs, downstairs

From Mr David Griffiths Sir, Who says there's no integration between London's bus and Underground services?

On leaving a crowded Victoria Line tube at King's Cross this morning I heard the customary shout from the guard: "Move right down inside the cars". He then added with an afterthought: There's plenty of room on top."! Yours faithfully, DAVID GRIFFITHS. United Oxford & Cambridge Lipiversity Club, I Pall Mall SW1.

Orthopaedic needs

From Dr D. J. Stoker and others Sir, The recent decision of the Bloomsbury Health Authority not to renew the lease of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital building in Great Portland Street symbolizes the culmination of years of neglect by the DHSS, which has managed to escape its obligation to provide the services needed by a national orthopaedic centre.

We have accepted the need for an orderly transfer of in-patient services to the Middlesex Hospital in 1987. This plan allows for 50 orthopaedic beds with two operating theatres on the same floor, thereby preserving a recognisable identity for the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital within that hospital. Bloomsbury HA has, against medical advice, decided to transfer

only: 44 orthopaedic beds to the Middlesex Hospital in 1984; such beds are located on two floors and the plan will prevent their organization as a coherent unit.
The in-patient facilities which cannot be accommodated at the Middlesex Hospital are supposed to be transferred to the larger branch of

the RNOH at Stanmore. There, the

already inadequate provision of

operating theatres will not be solved

by the installation of one extra Modular theatre. The RNOH has a national and international reputation in an expanding specialty. It trains more orthopaedic surgeons than any other entre in the United Kingdom, Until

now it has been in the van in advances in treatment, particularly in crippling disorders of childhood, biomedical engineering leading to joint replacement in the elderly and infirm, and limb-saving surgery in

the treatment of bone tumours. In the interest of patients the Great Portland Street site should continue to be occupied by our hospital until the permanent move can take place in 1987. The DHSS has undertaken to finance the final transfer; we believe that payment of the extension of the lease constitutes

a part of such a transfer. Yours faithfully. D. J. STOKER (Chairman), Medical D. J. STOKER (Chairman), Medical Staff Committee, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital.
H. B. S. KEMP (Deputy Chairman), E. L. TRICKEY (Dean).
Institute of Orthopaedics, 234 Great Portland Street, W1. December 20.

Too lenient?

From Mr Inigo Bing Sir, In the wake of criticism about sentencing the Prime Minister has promised legislation to permit sentences alleged to be too lenient to be referred to the Court of Appeal.

Referred by whom? It ought not to be the prosecution, whose only function is to present the facts on behalf of the Crown, not to argue for a particular sentence. Nor. logically, should it be the Attorney General. While the Attorney may at

when another was not?

theoretical referrals.

At present the judge's decision is only overturned if he has erred in

to United States interference in Central American affairs. The

Aims of Sandinismo

From the Nicaraguan Ambassador Sir, I write in reply to Sir Alfred Sherman's letter of December 12.

The support for Contadora is a rejection that the crisis in Central America is an East-West conflict. Support comes from all corners of the world – the EEC Stattgart meeting in large groundlessed course.

meeting in June, non-aligned countries, the recent Buenos Aires summit and the United Nations. What is happening in Central America would have happened

historical record speaks for itself. The Popular Sandinista Revolution is neither Marxist-Leninist nor a one-party dictatorship. At long last we Nicaraguans have our own national ideology and identity: Sandinismo. There are in Nicaragua

whether Cuba and the Soviet Union

had existed or not; it is precisely due

10 political parties. These parties are guaranteed by a law passed in August, 1983; the first time in the political history of Nicaragua. The electoral process is due to begin in February, 1984, to culminate with the national election in 1985. This was originally announced in August,

cotton, sugar, beef and gold. But what cannot be avoided by the Nicaraguans is that our example be On July 19, 1983, the Government of Nicaragua and the San-dinista National Liberation Front

proposed: -A complete end to the provision of arms to the forces at war in El Salvador. Let us recall that the Reagan Administration has for two and a half years failed to prove the allegations that Nicaragua was passing arms. On the other hand, the world knows that the Reagan

2. An end to all military support and We are not in the business of exporting revolutions; but coffee,

The case is, while Contadora is

Yours sincerely. 8 Gloucester Road, SW7. December 14.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen will hold investitures at

Buckingham Palace on February 14, 21 and 28, March 6, 13 and 20, July

Princess Alice Duchess of Glou-

cester and Princess Alexandra, the

Hon Mrs Ogilvy, celebrate their birthdays on Christmas Day.

The Duke of Kent will visit Davy

McKee Ltd. the Combined Cadet

Force and attend the Cutlers' Feast

Princess Alexandra will be present:

at a reception at Guildhall to mark

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs M. Athienitis, Tomswood

Hill, Hainault, Essex and Catherin

only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. A. Finlay, Dover Road, Wanstead,

The engagement is announced between Roger Booth, of Chapel

Farm House, Bildeston, Inswich,

Manor Corner, Reigate, Surrey,

Mr C. C. A. Cox and Miss K. S. A. M. Mackenzie

of Kensington Park Road, London,

Kathleen, youngest daughter of the late Mr D. J. O'Leary and Mrs Rose

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs

Mr P. R. Hall and Miss M. W. Burger de Frêmol

The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr and

Mrs R. G. Hall, of Bray-on-Thames.

Berkshire, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs M Burger de Frémol, of

The engagement is announced between John Lamplugh, of 73 Canon Street, Winchester, Hamp-

shire, and Vivien Dobbin, of Forge

House, Westbourne, Emsworth, Hampshire, widow of Alick Dobbin

and daughter of Colonel and Mrs E.

Licence, of Shipston-upon-Stour, Worcestershire, and Susanna,

director of the Welsh Arts Council.

He will take up his appointment in April 1984 when Mr Thomas

Mr Keith Street, chairman of Associated British Port Holding to

join the board of the Royal Ordnance Factories as a non-execu-

Mr Justice Skinner to be Chairman of the Judicial Studies Board, in

succession to Mr Justice Webster, from January 1, 1984. Mr Justice

Farquharson to be a member of the board from the same date.

Worcestershire, and daughter of Captain A. C. Wray RN, and Mrs Wray, of Tanglewood,

Stoke St Gregory, Somerset.

Mr J. H. Lamplagh and Mrs R. A. Dobbin

Mr M. I. Licence

O'Leary, of Scisdon, Surrey.

Mr C. M. P. Granger

Shalford, Surrey.

and Miss C. D. Cooper

iffolk, and Rosalba Baroni, of

in Sheffield on March 21.

Forthcoming

Mr E. M. Astle and Miss A. J. Shackleford

marriages

Exmouth, Devon.

Mr N. Athienitis and Miss C. Finley

Mr R. R. T. Booth

and Miss R. B. Baroni

31 and August 2.

Awards

AWATGS

Le Bas Prize, 1983: M E J Hughes, BA
Girton College, and P J Scatth, MA. Trinkty
Hall, Acq.
Allen scholarships for 1983-84: C N Bates,
MA. Sidney Sussent College, R Beddow, BA.
Goavelle and Colus College, S C Coupland.
BA. SI John's College, R M Marris, MA.
Clary College, N J Marrison, BA. Corpus
Corrist College, N J Marrison, BA. Care Mr Ismail Merchant, 47; Sir Charles
Mort-Radclyffe, 72; Professor Noel
Odell, 93; Sir Geoffrey Organe, 75;
Mr Nigel Surmer-Smith, 39.
BOXING DAY: Mr Patric Dickinson, 69; Mr Alastair Dunnett, 75;
Miss Irene Handl, 81; Professor
Thea King, 58; Miss Jane Lapotaire,
39; Mr T. K. Lyle, 80; Mr Dennis
Quilley, 56; Sir Mark Tennant, 72.

Latest wills

estate valued at £1,098,955 net.

Science report

Church news

Rich harvest from an isolated plateau

Many of the scientists employed by Sandoz, the inter-national pharmaceuticals corporation based in Switzerland. are under standing instruc-tions to take soil samples whenever they travel abroad on the principle that "with a bit of luck, a handful of soil or sludge that the layman would dismiss as merely so much dirt research workers, turn into 2

The microbiologists struck. gold most spectacularly with a sample from the Hardanger Vidda, a high treeless plateau in southern Norway, from which was isolated a fungus that has proved invaluable in organ transplants and other clinical conditions requiring an immunosuppressive agent.

recently, ciclosporin (trade

By Tony Samstag first heart transplant oper-

Writing in the company's house magazine, Dr Erik Wiskott describes the new drug as "the prototype of a new generation of immuno-suppressive agents" and most especially the first to act selectively on immunocompo tent lymphocytes, those white blood cells that eliminate or reject substances foreign to the body.

Because ciclosporin does not act on the phagocytes, the bacteria-devouring cells, its use does not weaken the body's immune response to bacterial or fungal infection, the main drawback of traditional immunosuppressives. The agent, moreover, attacks the lymphocytes in the early phases of cell was synthesized 10 years later, agents, which destroy the cells and the product registered in utterly in later stages; "the

The short and colourful stories

mysterious traits in his person-

But the new-found faith

turesque charm for its support.

Something was needed by way of a philosophy which should

set the Christmas message

firmly within-the framework of

contemporary enlightenment.

St Paul had done precisely this, within 30 years of Christ's

ministry, by explaining, in his letters to the Galatians and the

Philipians, that the gradual

unveiling of truth which, under

God's benevolent purpose, constitutes man's education,

could not stop short of a full

and loving demonstration in the

universal language of a human

Such is the theme drawn out

in the fuller commentary

offered by those Christian

thinkers whose fortune it was to

breathe the atmosphere of the

University of Alexandria,

famed for its eager search after

truth and its wide-ranging

Of these third-century scho-

lars two were preeminent: Clement, polished and at home

in any company, and Origen,

lous to the point of fanaticism.

Oxford University is to confer

honorary degrees on the following at the Encacnia on June 27.

DCL: Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC, OM, founder of the

Cheshire Foundation Homes. DLitt: Professor Alexander Gieys-ztor, professor of medieval bistory

at Warsaw University and president of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

and Mr Philip Larkin, poet and novelist. DSc: Professor Sir Edward. Abraham, FRS, emeritus professor of chemical pathology at Oxford University, and Professor Friedrich.

Hirzebruch, professor of mathemat-ics at Bonn University, and director of the Max Planck Institute for

DMes: Dame Eva Turner, the

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(Edinburgh Academy).

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University news

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the 21st anniversary of the Furniture Makers' Company on March 29. Princess Alexandra will be present at the Royal Air Force anniversary concert at the Festival Hall on March 30.

The Lebanese Maronite Community in London announces the celebration of a Christmas Mass by Father Antoine Sleiman tomorrov at 11 am in St Edward's Convent Chapel 11 Harewood Avenue London, NW1 (nearest tube station Marylebone). Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mr Graham Matthews wishes his friends at home and abroad a very merry Christmas and happy New

'Mr T. R Lowry and Miss R. M. Bennett

The engagement is announced between Timothy Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Lowry, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, and Rosanne, daughter of Mr Patrick Bennett, QC, The engagement is announced between Edward Morrison, younger son of the late Mrs M. Astle and of Mr R. Astle, of Worsley, Manchester, and Amanda Jane, elder daughter of The Rev T. O. Mondel and Mrs E. Wice E. Wice E. William F. Wil and Mrs Bennett, of Kensington

Mr and Mrs P. J. Shackleford, of and Miss F. Wise

The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr T, O, Mendel and the late Mrs Mendel, of Andover, Hampshire, and Figna, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. I. Wise, of Barton, Cambridgeshire,

The engagement is announced between Gregor, son of the late Mr John Murray and of Mrs J. C. N. Murray, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Spooner, of Shillingstone, Dorset,

Mr J. H. E. Pearson and Miss J. M. Hamber

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and Miss E. M. Thomas The engagement is announced between Richard Simpson, of

Simpson, of Haywards Heath, Sussex, and Elizabeth Thomas, of Trefriw, Gwynedd. Mr P. A. Sturridge

Mr J. K. Daly and Miss K. J. O'Leary The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs P. J. Daly, of Bath, Avon, and and Miss S. A. Miles

The engagement is announced between Piers, younger son of Dr J. Sturridge, of Regent's Park, London, and Mrs M. Bowman-Vaughan, of Barham, Suffolk, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. V. Miles, of Aldringham, Suffolk. N. W. Granger, of Thorp Arch, Yorkshire, and Clare, eidest daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Cooper, of

Mr M. Williams and Miss K. A. Rosamond

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs Austin Williams, of Croydon, Surrey, and Karen Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Rosamond, of Croydon, Surrey.

Mr A. I. J. Wyatt and Miss A. F. Parker

The engagement is announced between Alaric, eldest son of Mr and Mrs S. V. Wyart, of Charibury, Oxfordshire, and Angela, only daughter of Mr and Mrs V. L. Parker, the British Embassy, Stockholm.

Marriage and Miss S. E. Wray
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of LieutenantColonel B. E. Licence, RE, and Mrs.

Mr R. D. Swan and Baroness Sharples

The marriage has taken place between Mr Robert Douglas Swan

Nunswell, Higher Coombe, Shaftes-bury, Dorset, SP7 9LR. Latest appointments | Birthdays

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Taylor, MP, 46: Sir Kenneth Thompson, 74; Viscount Thurso, 61; Mr P. S. Ziegler, 54. CHRISTMAS DAY: Lord Annan,

Mrs Evelyn WOODHOUSE, of Burghwallis, Doncaster, South Yorks, formerly of Hexthorpe, left Other estates include (net, before tax paid): Bowkett, Mr Albert Harold of Margate 5284,412
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The sample was first islo-lated in 1970; its active agent gens, unlike conventional was synthesized 10 years later, agents, which destroy the cells

Switzerland for bone-marrow inhibiting effect is therfore transfusions last year. Most reversible". Its creators and manufacname: Sandimmun) was ad-ministered in Scandinavia's new wave of heart transplantations set in all over the world" once the efficacy of the product had been established in clinical trials at Stanford, California, two years ago.
"The Stanford team drew so much encouragement that they also renewed performing combined transplantations of heart and lungs.

Production of ciclosporin is still quite slow (the initial fermentation process alone takes 14 days) and costly, but the company looks in the history of penicillin, which was almost priceless when devel-oped in the 1940s and now sells in bulk for 50 Swiss francs per kilo.

The Nowegian Society for the Conservation of Nature has not been slow to exploit the "magic mushroom" for its own ends. "If the lowly Tolypocladium inflatum from the Hardanger Vidda can produce a wonder drug", the produce a wonder drug", the society argues, "what other miracles might men discover if they studied wildflife before destroying it?" Gazette no 45, 1983.

Third century reflections on the birth of Christ

Bethlehem bear about them the creation in time and for character of impressionist interventions in history, and painting: they offer witness to both regarded as providentially the deep impact which Christ helpful the idea that the Word, made on his followers and to or thought or wisdom, proceeds from the unknowable Father and acts as his personal agent in ality which seemed to elude any the work of ordering the world and illuminating the heart of

demanded more than pic man. Greek philosophers as far back as Anaxagoras in the fifth century BC had maintained that "mind came and set all things in their place", thus anticipating the author of the Old Testament Book of Proverbs, who held that wisdom was God's "master workman" when the foundations of the earth were being marked out the active principle of Godhead pulsing about the world and co-operating in such perfect harmony with the Transcendent Deity as to be 'daily his delight".

> Clement develops such ideas by assuming that the principle "God is love" underlines the course of history. The Word, he explains, has always been in the world as instructor, speaking with the voice of conscience or in the power of beauty, offering revelation through Moses and Plate and many another until the moment was judged appropriate for the immortal to put on mortality and reveal his nature openly when Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judaea.

"God pitied us from of old". remarks Clement, "but now He

gathered around the record of difficulties involved in making where "salvation" is to be Christ's birth in the stable at an infinite God responsible for on a basis of clear knowledge. It is in line with this type of

Christian doctrine that the earliest carved stone coffins discovered in and around the Roman catacombs show a market preference for displaying Christ as the teacher of mankind, now bearded and

venerable, now in the graceful charm of permanent youth, but ever with the scroll of authority in his hand, instructing his disciples where to find truth amid the mazes of folly and disnutation. Origen argues in precisely the same manner as Clement that

revelation consists of a gradual progress controlled by the divine Word who sums up all hints and imperfect discoveries in an incarnation, a disclosure of so radical and decisive a nature that, after it, things can never be quite the same again. The whole matter, as Origen explains it, may be compared with the steps leading up to the holy of holies in the Temple; the

ascent is a gradual one until finally God is known in himself. Origen offers a number of sermons on the Christmas theme, One of them starts from St John's observation that "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all". Origen de-velops this thought in character-istic fashion: the radiance of this light is the Son who proceeds from the Father without separation (as does

radiance from any light) and illumines the whole creation. By the help of this radiance men understand and experience

what the Light is.

A simpler illustration is suggestion by St Paul's claim that Christ is the representation of the being of God". Origen says: "Let us imagine a statue of such a size as to fill the entire world and so vast that no one could contemplate it.

"Then let us imagine that another statue was made. identical with the first as regards shape of the limbs. features and the whole outward appearance but diminutive in size. The purpose of this miniature would be that those who could not properly grasp the nature of the enormous statue would look at the tiny copy and assert that, the copy being an exact likeness, they had gathered from it the essential character of the orig-

Origen is here crystalizing the third-century argument that. after due preparation in the works of nature and in the heart of man, God is obliged to cut himself down to recognizable size and speak to his people in language which the simplest of them can hardly fail to grasp or the fine wit of any philosopher think inadequate as a theme for lifelong contemplation.

Robert Milburn formerly Dean of Worcester and Master of the Temple

in 1936. In 1940 he volunteered for

vian Studies 1979. He was Visiting Professor at

Wisconsin 1965-66, and he received many invitations to Norwegian universities. He also had close relations with University College London, where he was W. P. Ker Lecturer 1951-52 and Special Lecturer in Norwegian 1977-81.

A supporter of the cause of

IOBITUARY DR RONALD POPPERWELL Scandinavian studies in Britain

in the United Kingdom. Born and brought up on

Loughton, Essex, he left school at 16 and worked in an of enquiry into Scandinavian insurance office until 1940, but Studies 1976-78. kept up his French and his music - it had been his first ambition to be a professional violinist and he became ARCM

the Intelligence Corps in the hope of putting his linguistic talent to use, and then spent four years in Shetland, at the terminus of the famour "bus service" that was to be the staple of his later career. Shetland remained a lifelong enthusiasm, and to his last years he returned there to play in oratorios presented in Lerwick at Christmas time.

In 1946 he went to King's College, Cambridge, 10 read Norwegian and French. He took his PhD in 1951, with a dissertation on the Norwegian poet and novelist, Kristofer Uppdal. Cambridge was his home thereafter: University Lecturer in Norwegian 1953, Fellow of Clare Hall 1965, Head of the Department of Scandina-

Scandinavian Studies (and in

Dr Ronald Popperwell, who, comparatively isolated British died in Cambridge on Decem-scholars in the field. He was a ber 22. was Head of the founder member of the Inter-Department of Scandinavian hational Association of Scandi-Studies at Cambridge, and an navian Studies and its British indefatigable supporter of the secretary from its inception in cause of Scandinavian studies 1962 an active member of the Modern Humanities Research -Association; and chairman of the inter-university committee

> in Cambridge he was an energetic and conscientious chairman of the Faculty Board 1968-72 and 1974, and Director of the Literary and Linguistic Computer Centre from 1971 until his retirement. When the "Mixed Commission" under the British-Norwegian Cultural Convention was formed in 1974, his membership was a foregone conclusion.

. As a scholar he was by no means hidebound or timid in his choice of subject and method. His published work ranged from a book, The Pronunciation of Norwegian (1963) to translations of major novels by Dunn and Falkberget. A bold and interesting characterisation of Norway past and present appeared in Benn's "Nations" series in 1972.

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A unique work of permanent value is the rich Norsk litteraturantologi (1976), composed of texts, commentary and cassette recordings, which he prepared with Torbjorn Stoverud from materials made available by the Norwegian State Radio. But his most substantial contribution to Norwegian literary studies was his critical work on Knut Hamsun, a book to which he devoted many years of his academic life and which he had virtually finished at his death. King Olav V appointed bim

During the early 1970s,

summer in lavishly staged,

revivals: notably, Reunion in Vienna, Dandy Dick and Wat-

in a pre-London run of Heart-

top of his form included High

Treason (a spy in the Civil Service) and Victim (the hair-

dresser) and most recently The

deacon Daubenny in A Woman

of No Importance and as the

A number of his shorter and

less technical books appeared in

English translations: The Law

and the Prophets (1965): Man

and His Hope in the Old Testament (1968), The Old

Testament and the World

(1976). So did his Grundriss der

altresiamentlichen Theologie (1972), the second edition of

which was translated as Old

Testament Theology in Outline

In addition to his Ezechiel,

Zimmerli produced two simpler and less substantial commen-

taries one on Ecclesiastes

Das Alte Testament Deutsch,

and two volumes on Genesis !-

Films in which he was at the

break House.

Cambridge of "minority" sub- Knight First Class of the Royal iects in general), he worked hard 'Norwegian Order of St Olav in to spread the connections of the 1975.

MR CHARLES LLOYD PACK

Charles Lloyd Pack, the tion of School for Scandul at the character actor, died on Decem-Haymarket in 1962, ber 22, aged 81. His name, During the ear whilst seldom at the top of the already in his eighth decade, he bill, was one of the most enjoyed a long St Martin's respected in his profession; and his face and persona were as meticulously directed West End readily identifiable to the public revivals: notably. Reunion in as those of many actors whose names are more immediately ers of the Moon. His final

portrayal, early this year, was one of his finest: Mazzini Dunn Born in east London on-October 10, 1902, his career spanned sixty years on the stage, in the cinema and on television.

His forte was for historical parts and for comic and character performances - his beady-eyed judge the dotty Mirror Cracked (another susvicar, his slightly sinister don. pect vicar).

Among his West End perform. He was also seen frequently ances for which he will be best on television serials: among remembered were those in The them, Simon and Laura, The Kingmaker at his St James's, Caesars and an early proshortly after the war (he was a duction of Barchester Towers. superb Henry VI) and as both. Two of his strongest television Inquisitor and Dauphin in performances were as Archproductions of Shaw's St Joan

at about the same time. of No Importance and as the He was Scrub in his 1949 oily Rorland in Pillars of production of The Beaux' Society. Stratagem at the Phoenix, For 40 years he was sustained farther in Six Characters in Austrian-born wife, Uli, who Search of an Author (1950 at the survives him; and the fact that Embassy); Dr Protheroe in The Happy Marriage and, typically, Glowry, the disillusioned widower in Nightmare Abbey. as a manager - gave him In Gielgud's splendid produc-

PROF WALTHER ZIMMERLI

Professor Walther Theodor or ancillary to the commentary. Zimmerli, who died at Ober- notably Ezechiel: Gestalt und diessbach in Switzerland on Botschaft (1972). December 4 at the age of 76, was one of the most dis-tinguished Old Testament scholars of the post-war period, as well as a prolific writer, an influential teacher, and a respected university administrator

Zimmerli was born on January 20, 1907, at Schiers, in Canton Graubûnden, where his father was a pestor. From the Gymnasium at Scheris he proceeded to the universities of Zurich, Berlin and Göttingen. He was Assistent in Old Testament at Göttingen until

He spent some years as (which reflects his work on Professor at Zurich until 1951, Israelite Wisdom) in the series. when Göttingen appointed him to the Chair of Old Testament, which he held until his retirement in 1977. From 1964 to 1966 he was Rector of the university.

Zimmerli's greatest contri-bution to Old Testament scholarship was in the interpretation of the book of Ezekiel. His massive two-volume commen-tary in the Biblischer Kommentar series is unequalled by any other modern study of Ezekiel in depth of erudition, acuteness f critical anlysis, and percepnumber of studies preparatory Biblical Studies.

(1978).

25, intended for use by the laity. but rich in theological content. Zimmerli presided over the Ninth Congress of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament at Göttingen in 1977. He held honorary doctorates from Zurich, Edinburgh and Strasbourg and was an honorary member of the American Society of Biblical Literature and of the British Society for Old Testament Study. In 1972 tive theological interpretation. the British Academy awarded Zimmerli also published a him the Burkitt Medal for

COLONEL R. A. ALEC-SMITH

Colonel Rupert Alexander the Georgian Society for East was Lord Lieutenant of Hum-berside from 1980 to 1983, and had been active for many years in Kingston upon Hull. He was actions.

Lord Mayor 1970-71 and became chairman of the Hull He was Report in 1965. Bench in 1965.

part in the preservation of Georgian buildings. He founded 1979.

He also played a considerable and was awarded an honorary

HARRY MILLER

Tippett, John Surman, Alan Skidmore, Mike Osborne and his fellow South African, Chris-

Miller played in jazz and rock groups in Johannesburg before emigrating to England in the grated to Holland, where he late 1970s he emigrated to Holland, where he late 1970s he emigrated to Holland, where he late 1970s he emigrated to Holland, where he ing years, he performed with modern jazz musicians.

Alce-Smith, who died on Yorkshire in 1937, serving for December 23 at the age of 70, was Lord Lieutenant of Humberside from 1990 to 1992 and president. For some herside from 1990 to 1992 and the was editor of the years he was editor of the Georgian Society's Trans-He was elected a Fellow of the

Society of Antiquaries in 1977, DLitt by Hull University in

Harry Miller, a South African practically all the leading young double bassist who was a familiar figure in the British modern jazz scene of the 1970s, died in Holland on December 16, after a road accident. He

late 1960s. During the succeed-

British jazz musicians. He appeared with Mike Westbrook, Stan Tracey, Keith

collaborated with leading Dutch



Christmas services

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Webster: HC 11.30. Coronation Mass in C.

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ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Family Service with Communion and Carols 11, Rev M. Beech. (The Church will remain open an day).

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Export threat to painting

activities by groups determined to keep the piece in Britain (David Hewson writes). There was little optimism in arts circles last night that there would be sufficient public support to raise the necessary £1,798,000 while

an export licence is withheld. The painting was at one time attributed to Duccio, though latterly there has been doubt cast on its authorship. It is described officially as an early fourteenth century painting of the Sienese

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FILMS ON TV Edited by Peter Waymark

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A CONNECTICUT YANKEE IN KING ARTHUR'S COURT (1949) ● 10.50am-12.30pm Likeable musical-comedy version of Mark Twain's story of the handyman who falls from his horse and finds himself transported back to sixth-century Camelor Bing Cropby class in

century Camelot. Bing Crosby plays him and sings "Busy Doin' Nothin" in an unlikely trio which also includes William Bendix and Sir Cedric Hardwicke.

THE MAGIC OF LASSIE (1978)

2.30-4.10pm After a long break the famous collie returns to the cinema; and the same can be said for Alice Faye, making a cameo appearance as a watress. There is also James Stewart and Mickey Rooney and a musical score by the Mary Poppins

FLASH GORDON (1980) @ @

Lively, funny and spectacular re-birth of Alex Raymond's comic-strip hero (Sam Jones), making a perilous rocket flight to Mongo in the company of Dale Arden (Melody Anderson) and the scientist Dr Zarkov (Topol) to defeat the dastardly Emperor Ming (Max von Sydow).*

BBC2

SCROOGE (1951) • •

1.05-2.30pm One of Alastair Sim's most delicious Screen performances as the miserly Ebenezer with strong support from a distinguished band of British character actors, including Michael Hordern (as Jacob Marley), Mervyn Johns (Bob Cratchit), Kathleen Harrison, Jack Warner and Hermione Baddeley. THAT TOUCH OF MINK (1962)

3.25-5pm The BBC continues its eightieth-birthday tribute to Cary Grant with this plush comedy of the sexes in which he plays a bachelor millionalre in pursuit of virginal secretary Dorls Day. The jokes and the outcome are fairly predictable but Grant's polished playing is a joy.

TO CATCH A THIEF (1955) 10.45-12.35am Cary Grant again, as the jewel thief trying to live down his past on the French Riviera in company with Grace Kelly. Lightweight cornedy thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock as a way of

ITV

JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS (1963) 2.30-4.25pm @ Todd Armstrong plays Jason, in search of the Golden Fleece and encountering

re-charging his batteries for more testing assignments.

all sorts of hazards - including a seven-headed hydra - on the way; but the real star is that king of special effects Ray MAJOR BARBARA (1941) • • 2.05-4.35pm Faithful adaptation of the Shaw play about the arms manufacturer's daughter who joins the Salvation Army; it was directed by Gabriel Pascal, the eccentric Hungarian who managed to talk Shaw into making his work available for the

and there are also relishable performances from Rex Harrison, Robert Morley, Robert Newton and **Emlyn Williams** STORMY WEATHER (1943) . 7-8.30pm Lively all-black musical revue loosely

based on the life of its leading man, that marvellously talented tap dancer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. Also involved are Lena Home, Fats Waller, Cab Calloway and the pianist from Casablanca, Dooley Wilson. SANTA CLAUS CONQUERS THE MARTIANS (1964)

The seasonal offering from the Channel 4 "Worst of Hollywood" season in which a Martian leader lands on earth and kidnaps Santa and two children, one of whom is played by the nine-year-old Pia Zadora, currently trying to be a sex bomb in The Lonely Lady."

CHRISTMAS DAY

BBC1

THE LITTLE CONVICTS (1979) 11.20am-12.35pm A mixture of real backgrounds and animation as Rolf Harris, playing Jake the Peg with the Extra Leg, tells the story of the convicts who settled and built Australia in the nineteenth century

TREASURE ISLAND (1950) • 3.50-5.25pm

Though made by Disney with an American, Bobby Driscoll, as Jim Hawkins, this is a respectful version of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic yarn of pirates and buried treasure. dominated by Robert Newton's marvellously overplayed Long John

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER (1983) 10.15-11.45pm The first showing in Britain of David Niven's last film in which he and Art Carney are trying to get their hands on a fortune inherited by the granddaughter of the woman they both loved. With Maggle Smith and Lionel Jeffries; the writer-director, a rare visitor to the

cinema these days, is Bryan Forbes.*

BBC2

MEET ME IN ST LOUIS (1944)

4.25-6.15pm Judy Garland season starts on BBC2 with one of her best musicals, indeed one of the best musicals made by anyone, an affectionate evocation of turn-of-the century America, warmly directed by Vincente Minnelli. The numbers include "The boy next door". "Have yourself a merry little Christmas" and the "Trolley song".

DUCK SOUP (1933) ● ● ● 11pm-12.10am Of all the Marx Brothers films, this is one gags, without the distraction of planos and harps and romantic interludes. Freedonia gets a taste of Marxist rule as Fufus T. Firefty (alias Groucho) wages war on Sylvania, for whom Chico and Harpo are working as double agents.

ITV

SUPERMAN (1978)

3.15-5.40pm Pretentious, heavy-handed and overlong version of what should have been an enjoyable comic strip, notable more for Marion Brando's salary (\$3m for a 10-minute performance) than anything that appears on the screen, A pity for Christopher Reeve, a personable leading man who deserves

REVENGE OF THE PINK PANTHER 9.10-11pm

Last and feeblest of the true Fink Panther films, a perfect example of a good idea worked to exhaustion, But Peter Sellers, as the accident-prone Clouseau, still has his moments."

Channel 4

THE GANG'S ALL HERE (1943) ● ● 1.15-3.10pm Even by his standards, one of the most flamboyant of Busby Berkeley musicals with two particularly memorable numbers: Carmen Miranda singing "The Lady with the Tutti-Frutti Hat" supported by 60 girls; and the finale, involving two huge mirrors on either side of a revolving stage. With Alice Faye, Benny Goodman and his Orchestra and

MONSIEUR HULOT'S HOLIDAY (1953)

Jacques Tati's amiable, simple-minded creation who never really comes to terms with the twentleth century and leaves chaos in his wake. His holiday is in a small seaside resort in Brittany, observed with all Tati's genius for comic

THE KING OF COMEDY (1982) ● ● 8.25-10.25pm A quick television showing for Martin Scorsese is dark and obsessional

(played by Robert de Niro) who is so desperate to appear on a television chat show that he arranges the kidnapping of the show's host, Jerry Lewis. Scorsese save it is an examination of American

BOXING DAY

BBC1

THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI (1957) 👁 👁

Alec Guinness leading the Brits in a psychological battle of wits against the Japanese in a prisoner of war camp in Burma. Directed with characteristic craftsmanlike care by David Lean but arguments still go on about the precise meaning of the film's climax. ROCKY (1976) ••

7.50-9.45pm Sequels in the cinema are rarely as good as the originals and the Rockys have been no exception. This first one, hough, freshens up the hackneyed story of the boxer who makes good with a vibrant performance from Sylvester Stallone (who also wrote the script) and convincing Philadelphian locations."

BBC2

MAME (1974)

5.25-7.15om Indifferent version of a successful Broadway musical, with Lucille Ball unhappily cast as the eccentric aunt and being easily upstaged by Beatrice THE IPCRESS FILE (1965) •

10.25pm-12.15am The first and best of the three adaptations from Len Deighton's spy thrillers featuring Michael Caine as the shabby, bespectacled James Bond antidote who was not named in the books but arrived on the screen as Harry Palmer. This one has him on the track of a missing scientist. Sidney J. Furie directs, ostentatiously.

ITV

THE SPY WHO LOVED ME (1977)

5.30-8.45pm Roger Moore as 007 and Barbara Bach as the cheesecake in an undistinguished addition to the James Bond cycle which bears little relation to lan Fleming's book and relies on tired set pieces to cover up the cracks. The outsize Richard Klet, however, makes a splendid heavy.



prone Monsieur Hulot, Sylvester Stallone as Rocky From rarely seen to evergreen

Others under this bead-

ing include Superman, Revenge of the Pink Pan-

ther, The Spy Who Loved Me, The China Syndrome,

The Dogs of War, Rocky, Carrie, Flash Gordon, On

God! and Coma.
A second category em-

braces films of proven

popularity that tend to be

There is no doubt about the quantity, Feature films will be coming out of the box at the rate of 10 a day over the Christmas week and it will need several pairs of eyes, several sets and a battery of video recorders to keep up with

As for the quality, with so much to choose from it is hard to believe that even revived fairly regularly over holiday periods. The Great Escape is the archethe most casual film watcher will not find something to taste, helped, we may hope, by our day-

by-day, channel-by-chan-nel critical guide.

The films roughly fall into three categories. There are the fairly recent releases, most of them coming to television for the first time. Some are very recent, such as Scorsese's The King of Comedy, which only appeared in the

THE FORTUNE (1974)
Midnight-1.35am (Thames only)
Stockard Channing's perky
performance as the threatened heiress

s the bright spot in this misconceived black comedy that somehow manages to waste both Warren Beatty and Jack

Nicholson, not to mention its talented director, Mike Nichols.

Channel 4

Sound of Music, The Railway Children or The Wizard of Oz. That leaves what might

typal example and others this year are The Bridge are running through the follows:
week. The Cary Grant tribute, anticipating for the first time? on the River Quai and El Cid. What we do not have, for better or worse, are The tribute, anticipating bis Highly recom-eightieth birthday next mended

month, continues with three of his Hitchcocks, while another of 1984's an entry indicates that the be called classic revivals. octogenarians, Dame Anna film is being shown on films of generally older Neagle, is being feted on British television for the vintage, many familiar but Channel 4. There is a first time.

> HOOPER (1978) 6.25-8pm Burt Reynolds produced as well as starred in this story of a Hollywood sturtman trying to maintain his position against a younger rival. Actions count for more than words but the sturts are

BBC2

THE WIZ (1978)

4.25-6.35pm
An all-black version of: The Wizard of Oz, based on a Broadway musical, with a soul and disco score and set in New York. Diana Ross is an unconvincing A SWARM IN MAY (1983) . 11.05am-12.35pm Writer-director Colin Finbow's unusual piecs for the Children's Film Unit about a 10-year-old choirboy (played by Ofiver Hicks) who becomes involved in the ancient custom of bee-keeping at a rural cathedral. With Frank Middlemas as the organist who befriends him." successfully cast and director Sidney Lumet gives it a strong visual style."

OH, GOD! (1977) • THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER

(1938) **9** 12.30-2pm David O. Selznick's pleasant, if static version, of the classic story by Mark Twain. Tommy Kelly, a non-professiona actor from the Bronx, plays Tom, and Jackie Moran is Huck Finn, while there is a rich character-playing from old Hollywood hands Walter Brennan, May Robson and Victor Jory.

RENALDO AND CLARA (1977) . 9.30-12.40am

Written and directed by Bob Dylan, this long and complex film uses footage from the Rolling Thunder Revue concert tour of 1975 and 1976 as a framework for an exploration of Dylan's life as a poet and singer, with improvised a and near-surreal sequences that defy

HOLIDAY TUESDAY

BBC1

EL CID (1961) @ 9 1.35-4.30pm Chariton Heston as the legendary knight of medieval Spain putting the Moors to flight in an epic well above average in ligence of its script, its superb colour photography and the perceptive direction of Anthony Mann. Sophia Loren adds her decorative presence.

man of American vaudeville George Burns, whose professionalism lifts an otherwise slight comedy."

10.20pm-midnight
John Denver as a supermarket manager
visited by God, who wears an anorak,
sneakers and a baseball cap and turns
out to be none other than the grand old

THE SONS OF KATIE ELDER (1965)

John Wayne and Dean Martin lead in a roistering and violent revenge western that goes on too long but has its moments. Directed by Henry Hathaway who guided Wayne to an Oscar in True Grit.

THE CHINA SYNDROME (1979) . 3-11.15om Accident at a nuclear power plant

Investigated by TV reporter Jane Fonda, radical cameraman Michael Douglas and technician Jack Lemmon in a thriller with a message which builds genuine suspense and contains believable characters superbly acted.

Channel 4

THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN (1939) **⊕** 10.55am-12.30pm Huck is played by the young Mickey

WEDNESDAY

BBC1

DODGE CITY (1939) •

1.50-3.30pm Errol Flynn as a cattleman cleaning up the frontier town in an enjoyable Wa Brothers western which makes fresh use of familiar ingredients such as the cattle drive along the Chisholm Trail and the bar-room brawl. Olivia de Havilland and Ann Sheridan in support; the director is Michael (Casablanca) Curtiz. THE GREAT ESCAPE (1963) .

6-8.45pm John Sturges's prison-camp epic with the sombre climax can still grip, even if we have seen it several times on television already. Leading the POWs are Steve McQueen (and his famous motorcycle sequence), James Ga and Dickle Attenborough, with a particularly effective performance from Donald Pleasence as the camp forger.

principals: "They're our sort of people, not so-called glamour stars, but good hard-working professionals

Leading lady who was our sort of star

Dame Anna Neagle started her career on the stage, and this Christmas, in her eightieth year, she returns to it in the pantomine Cinderella at Bristol. But for 20 years or so, either side of the Second World War, she was much better known as a leading lady of the cinema and was several times voted Britain's biggest box-office draw.

She made her first film in 1930 and two years later was Jack Buchanan's leading lady in Goodnight Vienna. The producer-director was Herbert Wilcox, and it was the start of a famous partnership, for in 25 years she appeared for only two directors.

Wilcox may not be numbered among this country's more creative film-makers, but he had a showman's feel for what the public

wanted and, in collaboration with hs wife, managed consistently to catch the popular mood, whether with musicals, historical dramas or

romantic comedies. From Goodnight Vienna Neagle went on to Noel Coward's Bitter Sweet and to Nell Gwyn and in 1937 achieved her first popular triumph as Victoria the Great. The film was so successful that a sequel, Sixty Glorious Years, was rushed out for the following year. She played other British beroines in Nurse Edith Cavell and They Flew Alone, the story of Amy Johnson.

In 1946 she was teamed with Michael Wilding for the first time in Piccadilly Incident. The Neagle-Wilding films were essentially an are on Tues, Wed, Thurs escape form post-war ansteriy, and as Godfrey Winn wrote of the and Bitter Sweet on Jan 2).

 laughing, dancing and romancing together' When the cycle had run its course.

Neagle returned to biopics, as Odette Churchill and Florence Nightingale; played opposite Errol Flynn, of all people, in King's Rhapsody; and tried to make a star of Frankie Vanghan. In 1958 she retired from the screen, and with Room At the Top and its ilk just around the corner, her timing impeccable; but she left much that can still be enjoyed, as Channel 4 viewers will discover over the next few days. (The Anna Neagle films are on Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri. The Lady with the Lamp is on Dec 31

BBC2

PRESENTING LILY MARS (1943)

1.40-3.20pm Judy Garland season continues with the story about the small-town girl who makes it on Broadway. But if the plot has serviced a score of musicals there is still much to enjoy, from the freshness of the young Judy to expertly staged

FUNERAL IN BERLIN (1967)

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9.30-11.10pm
Another excursion into Len Deighten
territory as Michael Caine is sent to
Berlin to seek out a potential Russian
defector, played in larger-than-life style
by Oscar Homolka. Competently done
but it needs a genius to unravel the plot.

MORSE FEATHERS (1982) • • • 11.15pm-12.25am Early Marx Brothers comedy and one of tarry Marx Bromers comedy and one of their best in which the gags come fast and furious and even the musical bits earn their keep. The plot – as if it mattered – has Groucho as the president of a college signing up some dubious recruits for the football team that must win at all costs.

THE THIEF OF BAGDAD (1978)

Not, sadly, the marvellous film Michael Powell made for Korda but the most recent version of the Arabian Nights Terence Stamp as the Valianous Wezir and Roddy McDowall as Hasan.

Efficiently directed by Clive

CARRIE (1976) • 10.15pm-12.10am Gory piece of horror from Brian de Palma, one of the best current exponents of the genre. Sissy Spacek plays the repressed high school girl whose supernormal powers help her to exact a terrible revenge on those who taunt her; and Piper Laurie is superb as the religion-crazy mother."

Channel 4

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

(1949) **©** 3-4.45pm The last film by Busby Berkeley as director (though he left before the end and the musical numbers were completed by Gene Keliy and Stanley Donen). The story of vaudevillans who spend their summers playing baseball, I was a sort of dry run for On the Town with four of the same stars - Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Betty Garrett and Jules Munshin.

VICTORIA THE GREAT (1937)

4.45-7pm With Prince Albert much in the public eye at the moment this revival is well timed, though the film is notable not so much for Anton Walbrook's portrayal of the Consort as Anna Neagle in her most famous screen role (which she repeated in two mora films) as the Queen. An imperious performance helped by fine work from the make-up de

THINK FAST, MR MOTO (1937) • • 10.55pm-12.10zm

Second in the Mr Moto season (though the first to be made) has Peter Lorre's Japanese detective getting to grips with a gang of smuggiers on board a freighter salling from San Francisco to Shangai."

THURSDAY

BBC1

BROTHER OF THE WIND 1975 2.05-3.30pm Wildlife film, set in the Canadian Rockies, starring Dick Robinson (who also directs) as an animal handler who rescues the orphaned pups after the nother wolf is shot dead from a passing

COMA (1977) . 9-10.50pm (Wales 11.20pm-1am) Michael Crichton's morbid thriller about a young doctor (Genevieve Bujold) whose investigation into a series of terminal comas reveals an international medical conspiracy. It has received much critical attention of late, not least from the feminist camp; the Bujold character is certainly her own woman."

BBC2

EVERYBODY SINGS (1938) •

2.05-3.25pm A very early Judy Garland vehicle in which she is a talented daughter of a theatrical family trying (yes, you have guessed) to put on a Broadway show Thanks to their servants - Played by the unlikely pair of Allan Jones and Fanny Brice - they manage it. Ideal for filling a cheerless December afternoon.

SUSPICION (1941)

4.25-6.00pm Joan Fontaine won the Oscar she might will have had for her previous Hitchcock film, Rebecca, as the shy society girl who marries dashing playboy Cary
Grant and comes increasingly to
suspect that he is trying to do away with
her. Nice support from Hollywood Brits
Sir Cedric Hartwicke, Deme May Whitty and Nigel Bruce.

THE GYPSY MOTHS (1969)

7-8.45pm Burt Lancaster leads a team of sky divers and falls in love with Deborah Kerr In a film that contains solendid erial sequences, intelligently handled human relationships and the carefully observed setting of a small Kansas

town. One of the better efforts of its talented but uneven director John

A NIGHT IN CASABLANCA (1946) • 2 10.50pm-12.15em
The penultimate film of the three principal Marx Brothers has them trying to sort out Nazi refugees in a North African hotel; not quite up to the standard of their best 1930s work but it is worth suffering the dull bits for some

splendid moments of inspired comedy.

ITV

GREAT EXPECTATIONS (1975)

Dull version of the Dickens classic. despite a promising cast that includes Michael York as Pip, Sarah Miles as Estella, James Mason as Magwitch, Margaret Leighton, Robert Modey and Anthony Quayle.

THE DOGS OF WAR (1980) 9.45-11.45pm Christopher Walken's Cscar-winning

performance in The Deer Hunter must have suggested him to play the mercenary hero of Frederick Forsyth's novel about a plot to take control of a bankrupt west African state. But the film is no more than adequate.*

Channel 4

HOLIDAY INN (1942) O

2.55-4.45pm Easy-going and unpretentious song-and-dance vehicle for two of the best in the business, Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby, playing joint owners of a roadhouse hotel trying to catch the eye of Marjorie Reynolds. Along the way are a host of Irving Berlin numbers including "White Christmas".

THE COURTNEYS OF CURZON

4.45-5.50pm
Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding are back with this romantic drama which starts in Victorian times with an upstairs-downstairs marriage between a baronet's son and a lady's maid and continues the theme through two succeeding generations. Lush, escapist and, in its time, enormously popular. THANK YOU, MR MOTO (1937)

10.30-11.50pm
Peter Lorre's Moto is employed by
Pauline Frederick to find the treasure of
Genghis Khan, burled somewhere in the
Gobi desert.*

FRIDAYS E

BBC1

KHARTOUM (1966) @

1.45-3.50pm
Dullish epic of British imperialism about General Gordon's last stand in the Sudan. Though the cast includes such heavyweights as Leurence Olivier (as the Mahdi) and Ralph Richardson (Christiana) by far the hest performance (Gladstone) by lar the best performance comes from Chariton Heston as Gordon. Basil Dearden directs.

ARLORDS OF ATLANTIS (1978) 6.20-7.55om

One for the kids as a giant octopus kidnaps intreplid Victorian scientists and takes them to the lost city of Atlantis. Older movie watchers may wonder what Cyd Charisse, the leggy dancer from 1940s musicals, is doing in such a place.

THE MIDNIGHT MAN (1974) 11.25pm-1.25am

Burt Lancaster stars in a film he also cowrote, co-produced and co-directed (with Roland Kibbee) as a killer let out on parole who becomes a college security guard and tries to unravel a convoluted murder case.

BBC2

THE PIRATE (1948)

Lively minor MGM musical, directed with characteristic feel for decor by Vincente Minnelli, and starring Gene Kelly and Judy Garland who find romance in the nineteenth-century Caribbean. The songs are by Cole Porter. NOTORIOUS (1946) • •

4.50-6.30cm Cary Grant as American secret service man sent to smoke out a Nazi cell in Rio

de Janeiro, enjoying a memorable screen kiss with Ingrid Bergman and trying to outwit the shrister Claude Rains. Among the finest of Hitchcock's the state of the engrossing. **BILLION DOLLAR BRAIN (1967)** 9.30-11.15pm The last of the Michael Caine-Len Delghton trilogy, with our downbeat hero encountering old adversary Oscar

Homolka in Finland: the plot is denser

pyrotechnics from director Ken Russell

than ever but there are some visual

including an ice battle pinched from Alexander Nevsky. ANIMAL CRACKERS (1930) ●●

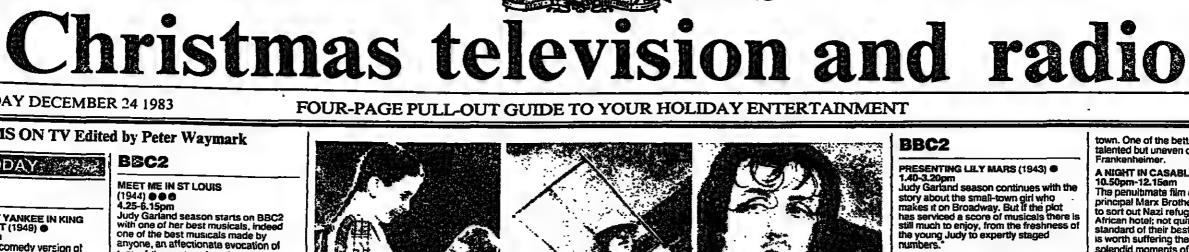
11.55pm-1.35am Trisophi Trisolini Early Marx Brothers' film which is technically primitive and betrays its stage origin, but contains generous helpings of the brothers' wit and style. Groucho plays an African explorer turning up at a country-house party in uproer after the theft of an old master.

ITV

LIVE A LITTLE, STEAL A LOT (1974)

T.30-9.15pm
Based on the real story of two beach loafers from Miami who stage an elaborate jewel robbery at the Museum of Natural History in New York. They are played by Robert Conrad and Don Stroud.







cinema in the middle this others long forgotten ex- fairly full Marx Brothers

How many people, for

™Bojangles™ Robinson and

company in Stormy Weather? Or even some of the Judy Garland films

being shown on television

film society.

cept by that devoted band retrospective on BBC2, of cinema buffs who but, brilliant though they

manage to catch up with are, the films must be them at an art house or a pretty familiar to most of

instance, will have seen the lacks is a sizable contri-Mr Moto series with Peter bution from the rich

Lorre, which Channel 4 cinema of the Continent, has unearthed? Or Bill The glorious exception is

as by now.

Channel 4.

What the week notably

bution from the rich cinema of the Continent.

Monsieur Hulot's Holiday,

which starts a short Jacques Tati season on

Our star rating system

Worth watching

An asterisk at the end of

Rooney, his first starring part, in a pleasing adaptation of the Mark Twain story, with the Sacramento River standing in for the Mississippi. Nice performances, too, from Walter Connolly as "The King" and William Francies as "The Duke"

SPRING IN PARK LANE (1948) .

5-6.45pm A short tribute to Dame Anna Neagle

starts with one of her most successful vehicles, taken from the series of romantic comedies with Michael Wilding

which made such an impact are writing which made such an impact in austerity Britain. She plays the niece of a wealthy art collector falling for the new footman at her uncle's lavish apartment. Herbert

Wilcox, Dame Anna's husband, directs.

The first of three Mr Moto adventures being screened on Channel 4, featuring

Peter Lorre, with steel-rimmed glasses and buck teeth, as the cunning

Japanese detective created by John P. Marquand. They pretended to be no more than second features but were

MR MOTO'S GAMBLE (1938) •

well above par for their type."

11,20pm-12,35am

Frawley as "The Duke"

(totally subjective, but we

fast

Christmas Eve



CHANNEL 4

2.05 Film: Major Barbara (1941")
Wendy Hiber as the Salvinton
Army daughter of a munitiona
tycoon, in Gabriel Pascal's

respectful film of Shaw's

4.35 Unforgettable Swingtime
Unashamedly nostalgic show,
hosted by Pat Phoenix
(Coronation Street's Elsie

Orchestra and Singers.

5.05 Brookside: Omnibus edition of

the estate serial. The news that Michelle and Marie have

arrives at last, in the form of a

been so anxiously awaiting

Christmas card. And Marie finds herself waiting at a hospital – with Father Christmas (r).

5.00 News headlines. And weather

Cheeky: One-hour curtain-

called Everyone A Special

prospects for Christmas Day. Followed by:- A Wee Bit

raiser for a new series starting on Channel 4 in the new year

Kind of Artist. Tonight's film is about comic poetcard artist Arnold Taylor, now in his seventies. His fat ladies,

skinny husbands and double-

eveybody who has ever been into a sesside postcard shop.

But he has also designed postcards for children. And we

also see something of the portraits he did during his "Desert Flats" days in North

7.00 Film: Stormy Weather (1943")

Hallywood shoo-window for

some of America's remarkable black talent, including Bill

"Bojangles" Robinson, Lenz

Home, the Nicholas Brothers

1.30 An Evening with Max Wall: A

launch the first week of

second chance to see this entertainment which helped

Channel 4 programmes last year. It was filmed on the

stage of London's Garrick

skill, including his lunatic antics at the plano as Professor Wallofski, and his

tripping of the light fantastic.

It? A rare chance to compare

the on-stage Max Wall (see

8.30 entry) with the off-stage

Max Wall. The funny man is

bedsitter in south-east London

12 years, estranged from his family and away from the warmth of an audience and the

which has been his home for

high life he once enjoyed.

There are extracts from his

also see him in sequences

from John Osborne's The

Entertainer and Beckett's

Santa Claus Conquers the Martians (1964") With Leonard

Waiting for Godot.

10.30 Film: The Worst of Hollywood:

Zadora. Ends at 12.15.

own television series that were

seen in conversation with

over 75 years in show

9.30 It's Got to be Funny, Hasn't

and Fats Waller.

entendres are familiar to

argumentative play. With Rex Harrison, Robert Morley, Walter Hudd and Robert

Tanner), which looks back at

some of the hit songs from the

Twenties to the early Fifties.
They are performed by Kay
Starr and Ronnie Hilton,
backed up by the Mike Monton

Stars of the shows: Roger Dalirey in "The Comedy of Errors" (BBC2) and Cilla Black with her new-style "family" (ITV)

BBC 2

1.05 Film: Scrooge (1951*)

Alestair Sim. cast again type, as Dickens's old

mint, With Kethiann

Harrison and (as Marley's Ghost) Michael Hordern

Perspective: Roy Hudd, the comedian, shows how effectively the Bard made

use of "gags" and "comic routines" in his plays. This

tonight's (5.00) production of The Comedy of Errors.

(the rest can be seen on

consecutive days, from

tomorrow), Today's contestants: Anthony Burgess, Germaine Greer,

an Hill and Adam Mars

Jones, Freddie Jones reads

the extracts.
3.25 Film: That Touch of Mink

Young in support @

5.00 The BBC Televsion

6.55 Sky at Drury Lane:

(1962) Cary Grant/Dorts Day cornedy, with Gig

Shakespeara: The Comedy of Errora, Roger Daitrey and Michael Kitchen play the two pair of identical

twins. Strong support from

Wendy Hiller, Cyril Cusack, Charles Gray, Suzanne

rtish and Joanne Pearce.

Highlights of the show staged at the Theatre Royal earlier this month. John

Williams, on guitar, leads the group, (Herbie Flowers, Tristan Fry, Steve Gray and Kevin Peek.) Special guest;

7.45 News: the reader is Jan

7.55 Cider with Rosie: Another

chance to see Hugh

Whitmore's television adaptation (remarkably

his boyhood spent in a

Stad. near Stroud, With

Rosemary Leach as the

Stephen Grendon as one of

the cast: Mary Merrall, Catherine Lacey, Michael

First seen in 1971, and

9.30 Private Lives: A compilation

shows that Marie Alikari

hosted earlier this year. By

conversation was a cut or

so above the average. Tonight's excerpts feature

Tracey Ullman and Patrick

Lichfield, Mirlam Stoppard

and Alan Price, Beryl Reid and Kingley Amis, Clare

Menuhin, and Barbara Castle and A J P Taylor.

Whittle Test Presents: Live from the Haumersmith

Odeon. Paul Young and the

Royal Family's final concert in their 12 Days of Christmas tour. The concert

can also be heard on Radio

(1955) Alfred Hitchcock's

sophisticated thriller, with

Jesse Royce Landis and

the invaluable (but now

departed) John Williams.

1. in stereo.

10.45 Film: To Catch & Thief

Francis and Yehudi

peneral consent, the level of

of some of the best

Robbins and Carl Bernard.

warmly received by most

small Gloucestershire

faithful to the original) of Laurie Lee's recollection of

lage. Filmed on location in

four literary quizzes, chaired by Robert Robinson

2.55 The Book Game: First of

- 8.35 inch-High Private Eye: American cartoon (r). 9.00 From All of Us to All of Your Christmas treet from Walt Disney. Clips from favourite os includina Snaw 9.45 The Happy World of Hanna-Barbera: Gene Kelly
- introduces clips from cartoons featuring characters such as Huckleberry Hound. 10.50 Film: A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court (1945) Bing Crosby in a comedy musical, based on Mark
- (wain's story **@**. 12.30 Bonanza: Venerable western, with Lorne Greene and Dan murder and robbery. 1.20 Around the World with Data
- (1982) Cartoon about a global kangaroo. With Drew Forsythe, Made in Australia. 2.30 Film: The Magic of Lassie (1978) TV movie about the wonder dog, With James Stewart, Mickey Rooney.
- 4.10 The Dukes of Hazard; Coy falls in love with Billie Ann, one of the stunt-bicycle riding Baxley Sisters, but Vance feets his cousin's affections may by misplaced.
- 5.00 News: read by Jan Leeming. 5.10 Some Mother's Do 'Ave 'Em: A story of a very unhappy flying instructor. Frank Michael Crawford) staria a course of lessons. Frederick Jaeger plays the fearful
- 5.55 Pop Quiz: Dave Edmunds and Roger Taylor captain the two teams. Facing the questions are Mari Wilson, Limahi, Lee John (touring with Imaginat and Midge Ure (Ultravox's



Saving: Melody Anderson in Flash Gordon (7.10 pm)

- 6.30 The Little and Large Show: The line-up of guests includes Jimmy Cricket, Joe Brown, magician Martin Daniels, Cleo Rocos, and Chas and Dave (singing Melancholy Baby).
- 7.10 Film: Flash Gordon (1980) The comic strip comes to life. With Sam Jones, Topol, Melody Anderson, Brian Blessed and Max Von Sydow .
- 8.55 Val Doonican's Christ Party: Old-fashioned festive celebrations, with special guests Howard Keel (former Hollywood star, how a member of the Dallas repertory company), The Nolans, Sky, and Wall Street
- 9.40 Berperac: Guest actress Liza Goddard plays the notorious jewel thief who arrives in Jersey, on holiday, just when the private auction of a huge diamond is to take place. Bergerac (John Nettles) keeps a gimlet eye on her. None the less, the jewel is stolen. What is more, it happens right in the middle of the auction.
- 10.35 News: read by Jan Leeming. And Christmas Day weather. 10.45 The Good Old Days:
- Edwardian-type entertainment from the City Varieties, Leeds, with Leonard Sachs as the gavel-banging chairman. The entertainers: Danny La Rue. Valerie Masterson, Robert White, Bernard Cribbins, Barry Cryer, the Clark Brothers the comedy-magician Caetan
- 11.45 Madnight Eucharist: While millions of viewers sit at home. five hundred worshippers will be in the Causedral Church of St Mary the Virgin, Blackburn, for the traditional service of carels, readings and sermon. 1246 Westher (cresss)

BBC1 WALES 10.45-11.45am Christmas cards from the Ascansion. Iris Williams unites Welsh

servicemen and personnel on Ascension Island with their tamifies back in Wales, through the medium of song.

Night. A Christmas Service from the Parish Church of St George's – Tron, in the heart of Giasgow. 12:30am Weather for Scotland; Close. NORTHERN (RELAND 12:45am Weather; Northern Included parts heading).

ANGLIA As London except: 8.15pm-5.10 Knight Rider

ULSTER As London except. 5.15pm-8.18 Knight Rider.

Ireland news headines. Close. ENGLAND 12.50am Close.

12.45mm Weather for Wales: Close.

Pretending: Billy Dainty, Julie Rogers, Kenneth Connor and Dana in the 3-2-1 pantomime, Dick Whittington (ITV, 6.45 pm) REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

S4C Starts: 1.40pm Black on Black 2.35 Amateur Naturalist 3.00 The Tube 4.30 Utopia Ltd 5.00 Yr Awr Fawr 6.00 Sgryfil 7.00 Newyddion 7.15 "Dolig Etto 'Nghymru Annwyl 6.50 Rockers Roadshow 16.25 Audience with Kemerit Williams 11.50 Films Stormy Weather (Bill Robinson) 1.20sm Closedown

SCOTTISH As London except: 5.15pm-6.10 Knight Rider, 11.45 Wetchnight Service. 12.30sm Closedown.

TSW As London except: 11.25em-11.30 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays 5.15pm News 5.18-6.10 Knight Rider 12.40 Closedown

HTV As London except: 5.15per-6.10 Knight Rider (David Hassethott). HTV WALES No variations.

TVS As London except 5.15pm-6.10 The Fall Guy: Devil's Island.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 5.15-8.10 Knight Rider, 11.45 Watchnight Service, 12.40am Reflections, 12.45 Gloseck

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25mm-11.00 Linus

YORKSHIRE As London except: 6.15pm-6.10 Knight Rider, 12.40em Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:
9.25em Morning
Glory 9.30-9.55 Metal Mickey 5.15pm6.19 Knight Rider 12.40em Closedown GRANADA As London except 5.15pm-6.10 Knight

Rider, 12.40am Quincy, 1.35 Closedown. BORDER As London except: 5.15pm-8.18 Knight Ride

CENTRAL As London except: 5.15pm-5.70 Knight Rider, 12.40em Closedown.

Christmas Day





Edited by Peter Davalle

Shaping up well: Robert Hardy and friends in James Herriot's "All Creatures Great and Small" (BBC1) and The Two Rounies (BBC1)

BBC 1

TV-am

Mary). Includes Roland the Rat's Christras Wonderand

(Father Christmas appears at

Panto guiz, with Jeremy Beadle; Terry Jones and the

devil; parcel-passing robots;

ITY/LONDON

Wilberforce's lamily pento - and play the front end of the

New Zealnd story about a wicked witch who steals some

monsters' voices - and a girl's quest to find them.

Special: the tiny folk versus

9.25 Metal Mickey: The bossy robot decides that he should

be in charge of the

9.55 Cartoon Time: festive fun.

10.05 The Monsters' Christmas:

11.00 'The Smurfs' Christmas

Something Evil.

puppet series.

Christmas).

11.25 The Fraggles are Coming: Curtain-raiser for a new

11.30 Terrahawks: Zeida launches an all-out attack - despite the

season of goodwill (re

Cartoons and flash-and-blood

tun at the Roxy cinema. With Derek Griffiths (r).

1.00 Adam Ant: Prince Charming

Revue. Music, pantomim

format: 2.20 Tweety Pie.

Argonauts (1963). High adventure on the trail of the

Armstrong, Nancy Kovack, Honor Blackman.

Music and laughter show. The guests include Bernie Winters,

Melvyn Hayes, Jimmy Cricket, Sarah Hollamby, Pepe and the Gang, Berbara Dickson and

season. With Larry Wilcox and Erik Estrada as the police

calebrity partners are Diana

include Faith Brown, Barbara

Kelly, Bob Carolones and Solt

contestants are Shaun Labrum, from Thetford, and Alson Tessier, from Haywards

Whittington edition of the

7.45 Cilla Black's Christmas Ever

family game show, hosted by

Ted Rogers. Appropriately, all

The singer, "at Home" (le in the studio) welcomes show

business guests who drop in to wish her the compliments of

the season. She also chats, by

George Benson). Others involved are Frankle Howard (singing some awful Christmes

songs that did not make the hit

zerois that did stay the course.

company that is setting up a series of Christmas robberies. Co-starting Robert Wagner and Stefanic Powers as the

slauthing spouses. They can also be seen, live from the

Christmas right show on ITV -Jimmy Tarbuck's Christmas All Stars (7.45 pm).

Murder Is Easy (1981) Mass

murder is Easy (1991) Mass murder in Scotland. Strong cast includes Bill Bixby, Lesley-Anne Down, Olivia de Havilland, Jonathan Pryce,

Anthony Valentine and

Midnight Mass: from St

Mary's Cathedral, Newcastie

upon Tyne. The celebrants include the Right Rev Hugh

Lindsay, Bishop of Hexham

and Newcastle: the Very Rev Canon Francis Kearney, the Rev Paul McSwaine, and the Rev Philip Carroll. Organist and cholimaster: David

Allison, Closedown at 12.40.

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Timothy West.

United States, in the

9.00 Hart to Hart: The husband and wife sleuths infiltrate a

satalita, with some friends

across the Atlantic (the Bee

Gaes, for instance, and

News from ITNL

stants are children.

the Dog, and Mike Reld. The

and the Punchline "pais"

4.30 The Krankies at Christman

Modern Romance. 5115 Chips: Thieves steal a church

6.10 Punchlines: Tonicht's

6.45 3-2-1: A special Dick

2.30 Film: Jason and the

4.25 News from ITN.

and theatrs - on the stage of

The aim was to get away from the traditional rock show

12.00 Film Fun et Christmas:

8.40 Data Run's Christmas Party:

- 8.35 The Christmas Raccoons: 6.25 Good Horning Britain: with the Parkinsons (Michael and musical cartoon, with the olces (spoken) of Rich Little and (sung) of Rita Coolidge and Rupert Holmes.
 - 9.00 Carols from Newby Hall: Christmas cheer from this iamous Yorkshire house, ian Carmichael's guests are Grace Kennedy, Robert White, and the Cambridge University and guest stars Lynaey de Paul, the Belle Stars, the Lotus Esters, Tracey Uliman, and Madness. Ends at 9.25 am,
 - 9.50 Away in a Manger: Christmas through the eyes of primary schoolchildren from all parts of the country. 10.20 Christmas Morning Family
 - Service From The Mint Methodist Church, Exeter. With the President of the Methodist Conference, the Rev Amos Cresswell; 11.17
 - 11.20 The Little Convict: Rolf Harris (as Jake the Peg) in a tale about the wrongdoers who helped to create Australia. 12.35 Ziggy's Gift: Short, animated n about a street-corner Santa Claus who gets a job with a confidence trickster;
 - 1.00 Bugs Bunny: cartoon. 1.05 Film: Giftterball (1977) Children's Film Foundation fantasy about a thing from outer space befriended by two



Singing: Grace Kennedy in Carols from Newby Hall (9 am)

- 2.00 Top of the Pops 1983: Bestselling entertainers on parade, including Michael Jackson, Shakin' Stevens, Men at Work, Bonnie Tyler, Duran Duran, Bucks Fizz, Lionel Richie and David Bowie.
- 3.00 The Queen: The Christmas Day broadcast to the Commonwealth (also on BBC 2, at 9.50, with sign language).
- 3.15 Blankety Blank: Festive edition of the word game, with panellists Sabina Franklyn, Roy Kinnear, Ruth Madoc, Pairtck Moore, Beryl Reid and Freddie Sturt. The MC: Terry **Модел.**
- 3.50 Film: Treasure Island (1950) Disney version of the R. L. Stevenson classic with Robert Newton (Long John) and Bobby Discoil (Jim Hawkins)
- 5.25 News: read by Jan Leeming. 5.25 Jan't Fix it Mr Saville makes it possible for two blind beneders to ride around the for a young lad to become Santa Claus and bring good cheer to a local Darby and Joan dub.
- 6.15 Songs of Prefee Special: Choirs, churches and schools in Peterborough combine at the cathedral for a special edition of this hugely popular
- 7.15 The Two Romles: Comedy highlight is a tale called The Adventures of Archie. Mr Corbett has the title role, with Mr Barker as the Genie, and ivest star: Eton John. 8.05 All Cremums Great and Small: Back to James
- Herriot's Yorkshire Dales for another yarn about country vets. All the old familiar faces are back on parade Christocher Timothy, Carol Drinkwater, Robert Hardy and Peter Davison).

 9.35 Only Fools and Horses: The
- testive joility is restrained at the Trotters' high-rise flat, and the arrival of an unexpected visitor (Mr Trotter Senior) does 10.05 News: the reader is Jan
- Leeming. 10.15 Film: Setter Late than Never (1983) David Niven's last film.
- It co-stars Maggie Smith and Art Carney 6 11.45 The Spinners at York: And
- their highly seasonable setting is the Victorian street at the Castle Museum. Ends at

BBC1 WALES12.15am News of Water headings and weather: Close. SCOTLAND 9.50-10.10am 'lt's Christmasi, 10.10-10.20 Christmas Morning, 6.15-7.15 Carols for Christmas Day, 12.15em Scottish news summary Lay, 12.15am Scottish news summary and weather; Close, NORTHERN IRELAND 12.20am Close, ENGLAND 12.20am Close.

SCOTTISH As London except
9.25am Moderator's
Christmas message, 9.35-9.50 The
Sound of Christmas, 11.40pm Late Call 11.45 House Calls, 12.15am Closedown

TSW As London except: 9.50am-9.55 Look and See 11.40pm Streets of Sun Francisco 12.35em Postscript

CENTRAL As London except: 11.40pm A Different Christmas. 11.50 Closecown.

BBC 2

- 2.00 Nobody Minded the Rain: Impressions of Coronation Day, Another chance to see this hugely enjoyable, kaleidoscopic picture of what it was like to be alive (and a royalist) in Britain on June 2, 1953. The pomp and caremony in Westminste Abbey was only half the ment. The rest was to be found in the streets. Memories of the great day from, among others, Lord Ramsey (then Bishop of Durham), Lord Eccles then Minister of Works), and Lady Rayne (one of the Queen's maids of
- 3.00 The Book Game: Fun and games with a literary slant, involving Robert Robinson (as chairman), Anthony Burgess, and Adam Mars-Jones. The readings are taken care of by Preddie Jones. Another game tomorrow at 4.30.
- 3.30 The Great Palace: The Story of Parliament, A repeat screening of last Thursday's instalment (the last film in the series of eight) about the "strangers" at the Palace of Nestminster - the 2,000 non-MPs who work there. Written by Christopher Jones, and narrated by Anthony Quayle who, despite the magnifice surrounding him, and the weight of history that presses down on the story of Westminster, has never sounded over-awed by any of
- 4.20 Henry's Cat: a Bob Godfrey and Stan Hayward cartoon. 4.25 Film: Meet Me in St Louis (1944) Judy Garland and The

Troiley Song.

- 8.15 The Natural World: Winter Days. Remarkable wildlife film photographed by prizewinning cameraman Hugh Miles. See thousands of geese flying in from the Arctic. Sea how the ptarmigan stays alive though suffering from hypthermia. The strategies for winter survival are limitless.
- 7.05 News: the reader is Jan
- 7.15 Cinderella: Rossini's two-act opera La Cenerentola. Clyndebourne Festival opera season, and starring Kathleer Kuhlmann as Angelina (wa know her as Cinders). The young English tenor Laurence Dale is the Prince. The two step-sisters (not Ugiv, as in the panto) are played by Marta Taddie and Laura Zannini. Desderi (Don Magnifico), Alberti Rinaldi (Dandini) and Roderick Kennedy (Alidoro). Donato Rerizetti conducts the London Philharmonic
- Orchestra. 9.50 The Queen: in case you missed Her Majesty on BBC 1 at 3.00 or if you are keen to listen to what she had to say for a second time, here, again is the Christmas Day message to the Commonwealth - this time, with subtitles and with a
- 10.05 The Bob Monkhouse Show: And the special guest is Norman Wisdom. Others in the visitors' seats will include the Russian-American comedian Yakov Smirnoff, Music from Bertice Reading and the Harry
- 11.00 Film: The Mary Brothers in Duck Soup (1933") And it would be difficult to find a more rioutous way to bring Christmas Day to an end (at 12.10 am).

ULSTER As London except: 11.40pm Newhart: No Room at the Inn. 12.10em Closedov

ANGLIA As London except 11.40pm The A-Team (George Peppard) 12.35em A Differ Christmas, followed by Closedown

CHANNEL 4

- 10.30 Christmas Oratorio: Bach's superb work - six centate performed in the Cloister Austria, on original period . instruments. The conductor: Nikolaus Hamoncourt. With soloists Peter Schreier (tenor). Robert Holl (bass) and members of the Tolzer Boys Choir, with the Concentus Musicus of Vlenna. 1.15 Film: The Gang's All Here
- (1943). Hollywood musical, with Busby Berkeley routine With Alice Faye, James Ellison and Carmen Miranda • 3.10 Skywhales:Short anims film, featuring a species of
- primitive hunters (green, snouty creatures called Perleians) who inhabit a mass of vegetation suspended in the sky, in pedal-driven sky-boats, they hunt sky-whales. We learn of the close relationship that exists between hunter and hunted. The dialogue is in a pacially invented language and the music is by Dirk Higgins.
- 3.25 Fragile Earth: Now Aleska's flora and fauna have evolved to cope with the territory's extreme conditions. Eigh months every year the land is locked in the icy grip of winter. It is the final film in what has been a remarkable natural history series and it is called Alveska 4.25 Film: Monsieur Hulot's
- Holiday (1953*) Jacques Tati causes chaos in a seaside resort in Brittany
- 6.00 The Queen: The message to the Commonwealth. There are subtitles for people with hearing difficulties.
- 6.15 Twice Nightly: One hour of Twice Nightly the hour or parodies from the Barron Knights. They perform many of their hits, including Swindon Cowboy, Any Old Iron, Grandfather's Clock and M.A.Ş.H. News Headlines, And weather
- prospects for Boxing Day. Followed by: Father's Day Christmas Special:Domest comedy starring John Alderton as Ded. The children (Katie Alderton, Zac Nicholson and Dominique Barnes) decide ought to go without festive trappings such as cards, trees presents and turkey. And in a rush of charitable feelings, they invite a very deserving quest to the house on the big
- 7.50 Struggle: The capitalist system in the non-existent borough of Southam (with its socialist-led council) is tottering on the edge of destruction. Just one vote could decide its fate.
- 8.25 Film: The King of Comedy (1982) Rapid appearance on the small screen of Martin Scorsese's acid comedy, with Jerry Lewis and Robert de
- 10.25 Tadada: Peter Brook's Paris Cabaret. The opera singers screened Carmen let their hair Brook's Bouffes du Nord theatre company in Parls in a programme of cabaret songs in English and French.
- 11.10 Peace on Earth: Words, music and paintings - all related to from all over the world Square in Jerusalem to celebrate Christmas. Narrated by Dame Flora Robson, with readings by Laurence Offvier; 12.10 Closedown.



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Peace on Earth. 12.00 Closedown. CHANNEL As London except 250mm-4.55 Look and See. 11.40pm The Streets of San Francisco. 12.35m Closedown.

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YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.40pm Benson. 12.10em A Different Christmas: With Jimmy Saville. 12.20 Closedown.

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- Dart. 8.00 Christmas with TV-em; A Thought for Christmas, from Cardinal Hume; and Chris Tarrant at the Queen Wary Hospital for Children, in
- Carshelton, Surrey. 9.00 Roland's Winter Wonderland Roland Rat in a special Christmas Day programme.

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- 9.25 The Night the Animals Talked: An animated parable of the Nativity, seen through the eyes of the animals, Music and lyrics by Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne (r). 9.50 The Fraggles are Coming: trailer for new puppet series.
- 9.55 Messengers to Earth Musical fantasy (music by Lou Iswis) set in a celestial "ops" room where angels are preparing for Christ's birth, Recorded at Queen Elizabeth Gram School, Crediton, Devon (r). Civistmas Morning Worship; from St Molua's Church, Belfast, The sermon is given
- 11.20 The Megic Planet: Ice exating speciacular about an astronaut who lands on the planet Aleph and falls intove

by the Rector, the Rev Edger

- With its arean. 12.15 Film: The Calphare of Grizzly Adams (1981): Made-for-TV aliresco di ama, with Dan Haggerty as the man hiding: faise murder charge who now has to risk being cuptured because his daugi him. With Kim Darby, Noah Beery and Keenan Wynn.
- 2.00 The Royal Yeart An ITN compilation of highlights from Edinburgh's visits to the Caribbean, the US, Keriya, India and Bangladesh. Plus the Prince and Princess's of Wales tours of Australia, New Zealand and Canada. The

reporter: Anthony Carthew.

- 3.00 The Oxident the message to the Commonw 3.15 Film: Superman (1978). The speciacularly to life. With Christopher Reeve
- 5.35 Bullseye Christmas Special: Darts mixed with general wars mixed with general knowledge, all in aid of charity. The man in charge: Jim Bowen, Plus even more familiar faces, like Kerneth Kendalfa and Anne
- 6.20 News from ITN.
- 6.30 A Royal Concert of Carola: The Prince and Princess of Wates listen to carols sung by a hospital choir. Songs and piano playing from Maril Webb and Peter Donohoe. 7.15 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right: The Rothwells
- from Capelles, Guernsey, take east London. Jimmy Tarbuck's Christmas AK Stars: ITY's Christmas
- Night entertainment highlight a non-stop music and la show with a line-up including Bruce Forsyth, Mike Yarwoot Cannon and Ball, Michael Barrymore and Shakin' Stevens. Plus a 'Game for a Laugh' special and, from the US by satellite, Andy Williams Robert Wagner and Stefanie Temptations and The Four T005.
- 9.10 Film: Revenge of the Pink Party (1978). Pater Salars as the average in Impactor Clouseau . 11.00 News from ITN
- 11.10 The King's Christmas: Festive renderings from the King's Singers. The setting - is as much a treat for the eye as the singing is for the ear. Traditional carols and, contributions, too.
- 11.40 The Untouchables: Crime drama, with Eliot Ness (Robert Stack) out to catch a crooked ex-policemen who is using an amusement park as headquarters for a drugsmuggling operation (r).
- 12.25 A Different Christmas: What the day has been like for the patients at Stoke Mandeville goes there and chats with Jimmy Savile. Followed by

HTV As London except: 11.40pm 12.40em Carol for Christmas: Bristol Cathedral Choir 12.46 Weather and HTV WALES: No variation

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5.05 The New Adventures of Flash de here faces the Revolt of the Power Men.

The Natural World: Snowy, Chilly, Moday and Me. Oxford zoologist John Paling with a puppy and two kittens. Mr Paling discovers that our domestic pets really are wild animals, thinly disguised (r). 18.10 Cartoons: Bugs Bunny in Jack Wabbit and the Beanstalk - a

Wanner Brothers cartoon; and bragoncastle, an award-winning fairytale film made by 13-year old Paul Mason and 11-year old Becky Mason.

18.30 Play School, presented by Elizabeth Mitbank and Brian Jameson. The story is the Cobweb Christmas Tree, by Shirley Climo.

10.55 Pigeon Street. A Sec-Saw programme for the very young Strange Companions. Part one of a two-episode

adventure story about a young runeway who alows aboard a 12.90 Look Back with No

the coastal paths of Devon and Cornwall in summer (r).

12.36 News headlines and weather 12.36 The Recoons and Lost Star, A musical cartoon about the nesty Cyril Sneer and his plot to capture the Earth.

1.20 Cracked Ice. A Warner

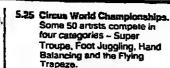
1.30 The Good Life. Christmas deesn't go according to plan for either the Goods or the Leadbetters (r).

2.00 Film: Bridge on the River Kwai (1957) David Lean's classic observation of men under

4.35 The Keith Herris Christmes Party. Fun and games and music from guests Shakin' Stovens and Stu Francis.

5.10 News with Richard Whitmore.

5.15 Final Score. David Icke with a and check on the day's



6.25 The Paul Daniels Magic Christmas Show. Magic and comedy from the host; illusions from The his mechanical man.

7.15 The Kenny Everett Television Show. A special addition of the eccantric Everett show in which even the dublous gags are done in the best possible

7.50 Film: Rocky (1976) Boxing drama starring Sylveste

9.45 Lenny Henry presents "Laughing Matter". A selection of classic comedy clips.

10.25 News with Richard Whitmore

10.35 Kiri and Friends, Kiri Te Kanawa introduces a programme of music and dance from Mozart to the Allen: Wayne Sleep and Alessandra Ferm in a Beatles ballet, Marisa Robels (harp); Richard Van Allen (baritone); and the 14-year old Greek pianist Dimitris Sqouros. The BBC Symphony Orchestra is conducted by Robin Stapleton

Thomas. A ghost yam adapte by John Bowen from the story by M. R. James. Michael Bryant stars as the Rev Justin Somerton, an Oxford don who for lost treasure. The clue to the hoard's whereabouts is contained in a cryptic message on a stained-glass window but Somerton refuses to take heed promised if the treaure is disturbed. The music is sed by Geoffrey Burgor who was later responsible for Tinker Tailor and Brideshead

Lawrence Gordon Clark (r).

12.15 Weather.

Ducking: Orville and Keith Harris are bests at a party (4.35pm)



Shipshape: All aboard for an hour with Morecambe and Wise and party time with the crew from Minder (Both ITV)

BBC 2

coverage of the Daily Mirror

Champlonship Handicap Chase (1.00); the Coral Golden Hurdle (1.35); and the Better Bet Coral Steeplechase (2.05). The commentators are Peter

Pitman, Also included is Julian

Wilson's review of the last flat

racing season and his choice

really play the part of mid-wife at Christ's birth? Arthur

of Recehorse of the Year.

2.20 Joseph and Child, Did Joseph

Dooley's sculpture shows

has helped deliver (r).

2.35 The Tale of Beatrix Potter, by

Joseph holding the child he

the biographies by Margaret

of the lonely woman whose

Lane, A lavish and entertaining

biographical play about the life

book characters have brought joy to millions of children. With

Potter and Michael Hordem as

Penelope Wilton as Beatrix

4.30 The Book Game. The third of

books and writers with

four conversations about

BBC 1 Water: 11.10am-12.00 Rugby Union: highlights of Saturday's game between Bridgend and Carolli. 12.15am-12.20 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.15am-

S4C Starts 12.35 pm Noci. 12.50 Wee Bit Cheeky, 1.45 Film: Monsieur Hulot's Holiday (Jacques Tati), 3.15 Fragile Earth, 4.13 Dwylo I Fyrny, 4.40 Film: King of Comedy (Robert De Niro), 6.30 Ser, 7.90 Newyddion Satth, 7.15 Hapnotolig, 8.00 Gaucho, 10.00 Rygol: Caerdydd y Pontypridd, 10.30 Tadada, 11.10 It's Got to be Furny Hasn't It. 12.10 am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except 9.25cm-9.30 Day Ahead. 12.00 midnight Tales of the Unexpected Death in the Morning (Carol Drinkwater), 12.30cm News at

narrator (r).

12.45 Racing from Wincanton. Julian Wilson introduces

Conditional Jockeys

G'Sullevan and Richard

Greer, Susan Hill and Adam Mars-Jones. Bussell Davies with a preview of tomorrow night's production of Shakespeare's comedy. Two Gentlemen of Verona, on

5.25 Film; Mame (1974). Musical story of a nephew's life with an outrageous aunt. Starring Lucille Ball and Robert Preston ..

7.15 A Life in the Theatre; Gwen Firangeon-Davies. The nonagenarian actress talks about her career, which covered 70 years, and of her eventful life.

8.05 News summary with subtitles 8.10 Romeo and Juliet, Prokofiev's ballet performed by the Ballet of La Scala, Milan, with Carla Fracci and Rudolf Nureyev dancing the title roles and Dame Margot Fonteyn as Lach Capulet. The choreography is by Rudolf Nureyev, Introduced by John Drummond.

10.25 Film: The Incress File (1965). Len Deighton's spy thriller starring Michael Caine, Nigel Green and Guy Dolman. Ends at 12.15.

ANGLIA As London except 12.00

YORKSHIRE 12.00 midnight Tales of the Unexpected: Death in the Morning, 12.30em

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unexpected: Death in the Morning (Carol Drinkwater), 12.30 am On the Feast of Stephen followed by

10.35 Animated Fables, Antoinette Moses, director of the Cambridge Animation Festival introduces three films. From Czechoslovakia, The King and the Goban; from the United States, How the Zebra Came to Be; and the Canadian-made

Cinderella Penguin 11.05 Film: A Swarm in May (1983) A young charister restores an ancient church traditi Starring Oliver Hicks®

12.30 Film; The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (1938) John Weaver's version of the classic Mark Twain story, With Tommy Kelly and Jackie Moran

200 A Rough Stage, A documentary, narrated by Maureen Lipman, that examines the development of With personal recollections and examples of grass roots entertainment past and present the programme illustrates, among other things, what it was like to be a touring child dancer at the turn of the century and to sit in the

music hall audience.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.00 midright Teles of the Unexpected: Death in the Morning (Cerol Drinkwater). 12.30 am Christian Christmas. 12.35 Closedown.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

3.30 Christmas Cartoon Camival CHANNEL 4

presented by Ray Allen. 4.00 Charlie Chaplin - The Little Tramp, Joel Grey introduces clips from Charlie Chaplin's earliest films including his first the 1914-made Kird Auto Races in Venice 4.45 The Sleaping Beauty Kirov Bellet's 200th

iversary production of Tchaikovsky's work, based on Perrault's fairy tale. The cast includes three of the Soviet Jnion's best dancers - Inna Kolpakova as Aurora, Sergii Berezhor as Prince Desire and Lubov Kunakova as the Lilac Fairy. With the orchestra of the Leningrad Theatre of Opera and Ballet, conducted by

Victor Fedotor 6.55 News headlines and weather followed by Home, Do we know enough about the cultural background of the non-British who have made 8.00 From Mac to Mozart. The

story of Isaac Stern's 1979 tour of China 9.30 Film: Renaldo and Clara (1977). A record of the 1975 and 1976 east coast of the United States tour by Bob

HTV As London except: 12.00 midnight Tales of the Unexpected: Death In the Morning (Carol Drinkwater). 12.30am A Carol for Christmas; Bristof Cathedral Choir. 12.35 Weather and Closedown, HTV WALES: No variation.

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8.00 TV-am's Boxing Day Show includes the 50 minute interview, first shown on Australian television, with Princess Anna. 9.00 Roland's Winter nd_Rotand and Kevis

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special story for children.

7.30 The Adventures of Mole. A

Wonderland, Florand and Keyl are on the slopes in the Swiss alpa awaiting their first ski-ing lesson. Will they understand

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9.25 The Scoty Show. With Manhaw Corpets and ris puppers, Sooty, Sweep and Soo, in their own version of Red Riding Hood (1)

3.45 The Talking Percel. Art printegral variation of Garaid Durrell's story about a girl who finds a talking parcet on a banch. Among the voices are those of Freddie Jones, Mollid Sugden, Roy Kinnear and Vindsor Davies.

10.25 Film: The Bugs Bunny/Ros Runner Movie (1979). Five shorts featuring the indestructible rabbit and one

12.00 Take Over, Three teams, led by Jenny Lee-Wright, Richard O'Sullivan and Isla St Clair, test their skills at various hazardous exploits with the help of simulators. Brough Scott is the man who puts them in the driving seat.

1.00 News. 1.05 Recing from Kempton. Brough Scott introduces the Food Brokers-Armour Novices Hurdle (1.10); the Ladbro Christmas Hundle (1.40); and

the King George VI Chase

John Oaksey and Graham 2.30 Film: The Scarlet Pimperne (1982) starting Anthony Andrews and Jane Seym Colourful and well-acted version of Baroness Orczy's story of the seemingly n who is

on a visit to Paris at the time

guiliotine almost daily. His outwardly toppish exterior hides his real purpose – to save as many of the beleaguered aristocrats as possible. A strong supporting cast includes lan McKellan as the wicked Citizen Chauw

the accurge of the aristocracy. Directed by Clive Donner. 5.15 News and sport. 5.30 Give Us a Chan. Celebrity mime game between two teams. Una Stubbs, Jane

Asher, Jilly Cooper and Tracey Ullman agenst Lionel State Tim Brooke-Taylor, Bob Getdof and Russell Grant. 6.00 Coronation Sheet. Rita Fairclough visits the lady who might be able to clear up the

6.30 First The Spy Who Loved Ma (1977). James Bond berties with a man who wants to rule an underwater kingdo

Starring Roger Moore 8.45 Eric and Ernie's Christm Show. A Morecambe and Wise spectacular with an extens quest list that includes Nigel lawthome, Felicity Kendali, Nanette Newman and Peter

9.45 Minder Christm Excerpts from the best scenes of previous series of the popular comedy. With Dennis Watermen, George Cole and Givnn Edwards - mine host at the Winchester Club. The programme is set in the chib where Terry is trying to make the Christmas lights, supplied by Arthur, work. Meanwhile, Arthur is receiving some Stici from 'er indoors who is stranded at Heathrow, trying to leave the country on a holiday with a ticket supplied by Arthur.

10.45 News.

10.50 Des O'Conner Tonight. Music, song and laughter with Jimmy Tarbuck, Marti Caine and Charlie Callas.

12.00 Film: The Fortune (1974) starring Jack Nicholson and Warren Beatty as a pair of inept con-men@

 1.35 Night Thoughts from Max Sincials, assistant director, Christian Centre, Hildenborough Hall, Kent.

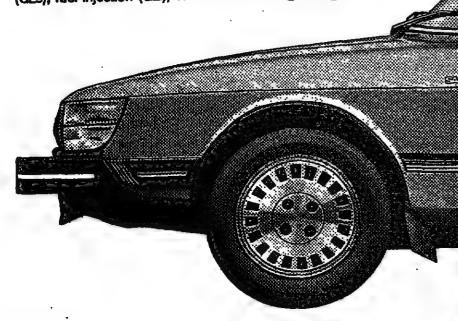


Spooking: Cherie Lunghi (left) and Carol Drinkwater to Death in the Morning, a tale of the mexpected (Anglia)

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TODAY Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News; Farming Today.
6.56 in Perspective with Rosemary Hartif 6.55 Weather, Travel; Programme News News 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm, 7.50 in Perspective, 7.55 Weather,

Travel: Programme News.
8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Smash of the Day. Hancock's Half-Hour starring Tony
Hancock in 'The Christmas
Hand-Out' Hand-Out'. There is another Hancock's Half-Hour on Boxing 8.48 Breakzway. Holiday, travel,

9.00 News. Then back to Breakaway 9.50 News Stand. Review of weekly TI 10.05 Robert Carvel. 10.30 Daily Service.† 10.45 Pick of the Week. Programme

11.35 From Our Own Correspondent 12.00 News: News Quiz of the Year (part 1) Simon Hoggart and his team remembers major and minor events of 1983.1 12.27 The First Helf Century. Alistair

Cooke takes a personal view of social life in Britain and the USA from 1900-1950, as reflected in popular music of the day (4) A Time of Peace (1918-23), 112.55 1.00 News. 1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping

Afternoon Theatre. "Mistress Mine" by Judith Gick, Anna Barry as Anne Hathaway, Shekespeare's wife, in a radio version of the stage monologue, first performed at the 1981 Edinburgh Festival, 3.00 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: from King's College, Cambridge (the programme strum, for millions of people,

witch, for minors of people, makins that the spiritual message of Christmas is still coming through tout and clear. The organ scholar is David Briggs, and the director of music, Stephen Cleobury. 4.30 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine

5.00 Wildlife, Listerers' topics, 5.25 The Missierer Bough, Some seasonal verse, prose and songs. With John Darran and Days Price. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.

i News, in News, in News, in News, in News, in The Winged Boy (s/binaural), A story by Mary Hayley Bell.

Dramatized for radio, Music by Max Early, With Kate Blinchy and Mill Lithous 7.25 70 Marvellous Years, Dame Angela Marvell celebrates her 70th birthday and talks to Peter

MecReamoinn explores the origins of the Wexford carols. origins of the Wexford carols. Saturday-Night Theatre: "The Holly and the kry!" Wynyard Browne. Much-loved play, set in a country vicarage on Christmas Eve, 1950, where the family of the Rev Martin Gregory (Stephen Murray) are gathering for the festive season, He is forced to face the fact that his fealitionship with his family has relationship with his family has changed radically. With Nora Nicholson, Jane Knowles and Isobel Black (r). 8.58 Weather.

Wynford Vaugher-Thomas reflects on the festive season with some country tales. With Oxfordshire hand bells. News: Old Christmas .lamas Mureon introduces Washington Irving's observations of England and its characters. Peter Mainker plays the writer.

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Midnight Mass from St John the Baptist Church, Chipping Shipping Forecast. ENGLAND VHF as above except 8.25-6.30em Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00 Programme

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The Barber of Begindad), Widor
(Centabile), Milhaud (Suite:
Scaramouche: with Alfons and
Aloys Kontarsky, pianos), and
Respighi (Suite: Rossiniana)t.
News.
Record Review: Joan Chissell
on Schumenn's Kinderscenen;
an interview with John Ellot
Gardiner, and a choral records

an interview with John Llot Gardiner, and a choral records review by Nicholes Kenyon, With Paul Vaughant. Stereo Release: Marc-Antoine Charpentier's Oratorio in navitatem: Domini canticum; and W G Whittaker's Pasim 1991. Vienna Philhermonic Orchestra: Mozart's Symon No. 39 and. at

W G Whittaker's Psalm 199f.

11.15 Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra:
Mozart's Symph No 39 and, at
11.55, Bruckner's Symph No 9f.
Interval reading at 11.50.

1.00 News.
1.05 Ravel and Haydn: Orlando String
Quartet play Ravel's Quartet in F
major, and Haydn's Quartet in F
major, op 76, No 5t.

2.00 Errest Ansermet: Recordings of
his conducting of works by
Rosaini, arr Respight (overture
and tarantella, La boutique
fantasque), Stravinsky
(Divertimento: Le baiser de la
lee), Honegger (A Ctristmas iee), Honegger (A Christmas Cantata). Bizet (Symph in C), Ravel (Arias of the Princess,

4.00 Brahms Violin and Viola Sonates with Zukarman and Neikrug. The Op 78 and the Op 120, No 11 Radio 2

News on the hour (except 2.00, 4.98, 8.00, 2.00 pan) headlines 5.30, 6.30, 7.30 am (MF/MW). 5.00em George Ferguson. The Saturday Early Show.7 7.30 David Jacobs 1 9.30 Sounds of the 605 with Keith Fordyce t 10.30 Album Time with Peter Clayton t 11.30 Wohs Thereve

Peter Clayton.† 11.30 Wohs There we was Peter Clayton.† 11.30 Wohs There we Ynnek Ent (The Kenny Everett Showt).† 1.00pm Cliff Michelmore. 3.00 Paul Burnett Christmas Speciel. 5.00 Fred Astairs – 50 years in Hollywood. 6.00 Pick of the Sporting Year. Tony Admason recalls the personalities, unexpected moments, and achievements of the sporting year. 7.00 Beat the Record. Kaliff Perdyce tests your musical knowledge. 7.39 A Festival of Christmas Music recorded at the De Montfort Hall, Leicester, with the Leicester Philiharmonic Choir and the BBC Concert Orchestra.† 9.30 Big Band.† 10.00 The Grumbleweeds' Christmas Party. 11.00 Christmas at the Dome. Christmas activities break out at The Dome, Brighton. 12.05am Pete Murray's Late Show.† 2.00-5.00 Bill Rannells presents You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1 News on the half-hour until 12.30 pm, the 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 8.30, 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00mm Mark Page. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Saturday Show. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Larmy Henry. 2.00 Paul Gambaccini.† 4.00 Saturday Live. Best moments from the year's programmes. 1 6.30 Christmas Rapping with quest presenters David Grant and Nick Beggs.† 7.30 Janica Long. 10.00 Christmas Eve With Paul Young direct from the Hammersmith Odeon, London Canuthage and Market Paul Young direct from the Hammersmith Odeon. London Canuthage and Market Page 20.10 pm. Christmas Eve With Paul Young direct from the Hammersmith Odeon, London (simultaneous broadcast with BBC 2.1 11.00-12.00 Gary Devies. VHF Radios 1 and 2: 5.00em With Fladio 2: 1.00pm With Radio 1. 7.30 With Fladio 2: 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00em With Radio 2: 2.00 With Radio 2: 10.00 With Radio 2: 10.00 With Radio 3: 10.



Greats: Tony Hancock (Radio 4) and Fred Astaire (Radio 2)

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5.00 Jazz Record Requests: introduced by Peter Clayton. 5.45 Critics' Forum: In the chair: Natalis Wheen. The panel: Matthew Hoffman, J W Lambert and Bryan Robertson. Topkes include Peter Tegaf's play Men's Group, (on Radio 3) and Cinderella at the National Theatre, 6.35 Leonora: the two-act opera by Ferninand Paër, Sung in Italian, With the Milan Symphony Orch of Italian Radio, Heading the

cast: Ursula Koszut (Leonora), Ezio di Cesare, Tullio Pane, Renzo Casellato, Krisztina Lald Glancario Luccardi and Giorgio 7.50 Some Flandom Merton Memories: Sir Reich Richardson reads from George Saintsbury's crapbooks.

8.05 Leonora: sct two of the opera.
9.15 The Steeping Beauty: A parformance of the whole of the music from the Tchalkovsky ballet, played by the Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by John Lanchbery. On records 12.00 News. Until 12.03am.

WORLD SERVICE

5.00am Newsdeek, 7.00 World News, 7.05 News About Britain, 7.15 From the Weekles, 7.30 Clessical Record Review, 7.45 Network UK, 8.06 World News, 8.08 Reflections, 8.15 Flanders and Sweam, 8.30 Reflections, 8.15 Flanders and Sweam, 8.30 Review of British Press, 9.13 The World Yoday, 9.20 Francis News, 9.40 Look, Ahead, 9.45 A Chapel to the World, 16.15 What's New, 10.20 Just A Minuta, 11.00 World News, 1.09 News About Britain, 11.14 About Britain, 12.2m Radio Newsreed, 12.15 Anything Goes, 12.45 A Lift in the Rain, 1.100 World News, 1.09 Commentary, 1.15 Network UK, 1.30 Motive for Munder, 2.00 London Concert Tradition, 2.30 A Chapel to the World, 9.00 News Burmansy, 9.22 WS Joins R4, 4.30 Hancock's Half Hour, 5.60 World News, 8.00 Economics, 8.15 Good Books, 8.15 What's New, 8.30 Hancock's Half Hour, 11.00 World News, 10.93 The Misterios Bough, 10.40 News, 10.93 The Justice Bough, 10.40 World News, 11.59 - Commentary, 11.55 Radio Newsreel, 12.30 Festive of Mine Lessons and Carols, 2.00 World News, 2.09 Commentary, 2.15 The Gift, 2.30 Hold Hour, 3.00 World News, 2.00 Commentary, 2.15 The Gift, 2.30 Held Hour, 3.00 World News, 2.00 Commentary, 2.15 The Gift, 2.30 Held Hour, 3.00 World News, 2.00 Commentary, 2.15 The Gift, 2.30 Held Hour, 3.00 World News, 2.00 Commentary, 2.15 The Gift, 2.30 Held Hour, 3.00 World News, 2.00 Commentary, 2.15 The Gift, 2.30 Held Hour, 3.00 World News, 2.00 Commentary, 2.15 The Gift, 2.30 Held Hour, 3.00 World News, 2.00 Review about Britain, 3.00 News **WORLD SERVICE** Lessons and Carcia, 2.00 World News, 2.09 Commentary, 2.15 The Gift, 2.30 Hell Hour, 3.00 World Hows, 3.05 News about Britain. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent, 3.30 Lust A Minute, 4.00 Newsdeek, 4.25 Interhube, 4.30 The English Air, 5.45 Letter from America, All

CHRISTMAS DAY

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 Morning Has Broken: Music for Christmas day,16.50 Nativity Reading, 8.55 Weather; Travel; 7.00 News. 7.05 Peter Barkworth presents words

and music for Christmas morning, 7.50 Nativity Reading-7.56 Weather: Travel; Programme News. 8.00 News. Sunday. Cilve James takes a seasonal look at the Christmas Church 2.55 Weather: Travel; Church, 8.55 Weather; Travel; Naws. Christmas Bells, Robert Hudson Christmas bells.

9.30 The Queen. A message for the Commonwealth.
9.35 Morning Service. Christmas Day
Eucharlat from Seliabury
Cathedral.
10.30 The Archers. Omnibus edition.

11.30 Christmas Briers. Richard Briers with songs and comedy. News Review of the Year.

2.00 The Countryside at Christmas.
Wynford Vaughen-Thomas
reflects on the festive season (r) Atternoon Theatre 'Christmas At Dingley Dell' adapted from The Pickwick Papers and Christmas Stories of Charles Dickens by Stones of Charles Dickers by Constance Cox.
4.15 A Birthday at Bethlehem, by Brain Sirley.
4.45 An Enchantment of Roses with Kermeth Mathews.
5.00 News Quiz of the Year. Part 2.1

Christmas 43. Dr Christopher Andrew looks back at wartime radio from 40 years ago, 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News.
6.05 Crisis at Christmas. Appeal by
Lord Soper on behalf of Crisis
for hympiess people.

BOXING DAY

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News; Daybreak with Charles Cotvile. 6.55, 8.00 News.
8.05 Smash of the Day. Hancock's Half-Hour starring Tony Hancock in 'Christmas' — East

Quote . . . Unquote. (r)~

News, Desert Island Discs Lord Tonypandy talks to Roy Promiey News; Travel; Points of

reave; Iraver, Points of Departure (new series). In the first of five programmes, Christopher Matthew begins a fresh collection of travellers'

Cross And wine, in the sequel to Crowdle and Cream, Finlay J. Macdonald borthrues the story of a growing crotting community. Morning Story: "Mandy Kiss Morning" by Lance Salway. Read by Sandra Clark. Joy to the World (1) The Message of the Angel.1

10.15 Crotal And White, in the sequel

News. The Sinking of the

Cheam style".(r)

10.00

Northamptonshire Christmas. A visit back in time to the village where the post John Clare was

News; The Magic Carpet. Seven-part dramatisation by David Beatly of the story of the R101 airship. (5). 7.30 All Our Christmasses. As All Our Christmasses. As celebrated through the ages in life, literature, humour and song

itle, literature, humour and song with Stephen Murray. (1).

1.15 Christmas Isn't What it Was with Glyn Worsnip.

3.00 A Cuckoo in the Nest. An adaptation from the novel and farce by Ben Travers. Starting Joan Hickson, Freddie James. Ian Lavender, Phoebe Nicholls and Manager Tyzaek. and Margaret Tyzack.

10.30 News.
10.35 Behind the Chalet School A setute to the Chalet School girls.
18.50 The Festival of Peace. The Bishop of Middlesborough, the Rt Ray Augustine Harris, concludes his reflections on some of the themes of the

Christmas festival.

11.05 A People's Carol. Traditional Christmas carols from South 11.35 The First Half Century. Alistair Cooke takes a personal view of social life in British and the USA from 1900-1950, as reflected in popular music of the day (4) 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather. 8.00 News.
8.05 The English Baroque: Ame's Thou soft-flowing Avon; J. C. Bach's Piano Concerto, Op 7, No 5; Boyce Anthems: I have surely built the an house; and Handel's Concerto Grosso in 8 flat, Op 6, No 7.†
9.00 News. 9.00 News. 9.05 Your Christmas Choice: Record

9.05 Your Christmas Choice: Record requests. Berfioz's overture The Flight into Egypt (Childhood of Christ), Edmund Pascha's Christmas Mass in F. Daquin's Noel en dislogue. Schoenberg's Christmas Music, and Hely-Hutchinson's Carol Symphony. 10.30 Christmas Music, with the BBC

(Catesby.)†
9.00 Brahms's Symphonies: A performance of the Symphony Laye and Nigel Stock.†
4.90 Down Your Way, Brian Johnston looks back on a year of

journeying Story Time: "The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame (3), Read by Bernard Cribbins, News; The Magic Carpet, Seven-pert dramatisation by Devid Beaty of the story of the R101 airship (5). 5.30 Cat World. 5.35 Elidns in Israel. Michael Elicins

p.35 Eldins in Israel, Michael Eldins talks about his own course talks about his own course through the history of modern israel (1) Sunlight and Shadow.
6.09 The Sk O'ctock News.
6.15 The Best of Maigret, A selection of plays from the series starring Simemon's detective, Tonight: Maigret Goes Home, With Maurice Denham, (r)
7.00 News.

News, The Archers. 7.05 The Archers.
7.20 If a Wise Man Came, Two teams of schoolchildren compete in imagining what a Wise Man would say if he arrived in 1983, 7.45 Prefaces of Shakespears: The Two Gentlemen of Verona. With Geoffrey Hutchins.
8.00 The Monday Play. 'The Warden', by Anthony Trollope, Adepted by Roy Jenkins, With Timothy Bateson, Alan Bernett, Jerny Seagrove, John Rye and Freddie Jones (as Trollope).
10.00 News.

Message of the Angel.† News; Lorna Doone by R. D. Blackmore. Dramatised for ra in 5 parts. Part one. 12.00 News; Christmas 43. Dr Christopher Andrew looks back 10.00 News. 10.05 Week Ending.† 10.30 Fit the Handson at wartime radio. (r) Just a Minute with Kenneth Williams, 1255 Waster;

Week Enough.

In the Handsome Cads,
Don'tcher Know! with Derek
Beard and David Timson.

A Book At Beditime: "The Poison
Beit' by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The Sinking of the
"Schamhorst". 26 December
1943. A documentary talling the
sary of the tast epic sea battle in
the history of naval warfare.
Written by Wendy Lloyd.
The Archers, 1.55 Shipping
Absence Theories T 11.00 11.15 Ambridge Encore. Highlights of the Ambridge Christmas Revus of 1982.1 News, 12.10 Weather, 2.90 Afternoon Theatre Trelaw

Radio 3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert: Telemann's overture in C, Mozart's Violin Conc No 3 in G, K 216; musical adaption of Arthur Wing Pinero's Trelawny of the Wells has music and lyrics by Julian Slade. The cast is headed by

Stravinsky's Eight Instrumental

Akso starring Cyri Luckhern (as Shrewsbury), Jean Trend (Ledy More), David Gooderson (Surrey), Carole Boyd (Doll V/Mianson) and John Webb

Singers and Margret Phillips

Motets, Hadley's I sing of a

Motats, Hadley's I sing or a maiden, Holst's This have I Done, air Rutter (Noel nouvelet) and Dupre's Variations on Noel nouvelet for organ solo.†

11.30 Chicago Symphony Orchestra: with Alfred Brendel, piano. Mozari's Piano Conc No 9 and. at 12 00 Mozari's Piano Conc No 9 and.

at 12.00, Mozart's Piano Conc.

No 12.1 Interval reading at 11.55.

1.00 Schubert's Octet: The Nash
Ensemble play the Octet in F
major, D 803.1

2.80 Spanish Songs and Arias: A

1983 Salzhurg Festival
recording, With Plar Lorengar
(soprano) and Placido Domingo
(tenor). Part one.
2.35 A Closer Look Paul Webster
reads three poems by Michael
Devides and Vernon Scannell

reads three poems by Michael
Drayton, and Vernon Scannell
examines them.
2.55 Spenish Songs and Arias: part
two. Works by Moreno-Torroba,
Gimenez, Pablo Luna and
Marnuel Fernandez Caballero.†
3.35 John Lill: recital. We hear
Beethoven's Sonata in F, Op 54;
Charles Bassino Fadesick III.

4.25 Haydr: Sinforia Concertante In B flat for violin, cello, obce and basscon; and Symphony No 49 (La Passione). With the BBC SO.

5.30 A Festival of Nine Lessons and

5.30 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carois: A recording of yesterday's service from King's College, Chapel, Cambridge, 1 7.00 Sir Thomas More: Radio version by Penny Gold of a play presumed to have been penned by William Shakespeare and others. Music specially written by Philip Lane. Starring lan McKellen as Sir Thomas More. Also starring Cyril Luckham (as

(organ). (What sweeter music), Mathias (A babe is born), Poulenc's Four Christmas

Stravinsky's Eight Instrumental Miniatures, for chamber or chamber or chamber or chamber or chamber.

Normal Concert: part two. Hotst's Suite in F, Op 28, No 2, for military band; Byrd's The Woods so Wild; Francesco da Milano's Fantasia in C minor; Francis Cutting's Packington's Pounds; Delius's Brigg Fair, and Grainger's Lincolnshire Posy.** 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer: Ottorino

This Week's Composer: Offorino Respight. The Symphonic Poem Fountains of Rome; Ancient Airs and Dances for the Lute (Suite No 1), and the Quarretro Dortco, fraure Prano Music. Bernard Roberts plays the Barcarolle No 13 in C major, and the Nine Preludes, Op 103.†
Amoid Bax Centenary: the Five Fantasies on Polish Christmas Carols: Kinder-Katschssmus (Wagner), and Bax's The Bard of

(Wagner), and Bax's The Bard of the Dimbovitza.†
Amadeus String Tric: Mozart's String Tric movement in 9, K
ANH 56. Schubert's String Tric movement in B flat, D 471; and Besthoven's String Tric in G, Op 9, No 1; 12.15 Bratin s Symphonies: The Barlin Phil, under Karajan, play the No 4.1

1.05 Brahm's Symphonies: The No 2, played by the Berlin Phil, under

played by the Berlin Phil, under Karajan.!

1.50 Schubert: Benjamin Luxon (bartione) with David Willison (piano) in a performance of Schwanengesang, D 957.!

3.00 New Records: Sullivan's overture in Di bello; Mozart's Traurigicet ward mir zum Lose (Lucia Popp). Bach's Sonata in A for fittle and harpsichord, BWV 1032; Haydn's String Quartet in D minor, Op 76 No 2; Mozart's MI tradi quell'alma Ingrata (Lucia Popp), Ponchelli's II convengno; Popp), Ponchielli's II convengno; and Mussorgsky, arch and Mussorgsky, orch Ashkenazy (Pictures from an Exhibition)

No 3, given at this year's Saizburg Festival by the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra-conducted by Herbert von Karajan. The Symphony No 1 can be heard at 9.55. †

9.35 Light in the Darkness: A Christmas Day sermon by the Most Rev and Rt Hon Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury.
9.55 Brahms's Symphonies:
Symphony No 1 in C minor.

From the Salzburgh Festival 10.45 Bach: Gienn Gould, piano, piaya the Partita No 5 in G, BWV 828; and the Toccata in C minor,

BWV 911, † 11.15 News, Until 11.18. Radio 2

News on the hour (except 10.00am, 12.00, 3.00, 5.00 and 8.00pm) (MF/MW) 5.00am Don Maclean and George Ferguson at The Children's Hos Birminghamt, 7,30 Good Mornin Birminghamt, 7.30 Good Morning Christmas. Bishop Bill Westwood join the boys of St Faul's Cathedral Choir Schoolt, 9.00 David Jacobs with Melodies for You including 10.00 The Queen speaks to the Commonwealth, 11.00 Desmond Carrington's Rainbow Connectiont, 1.00pm The Sleeping Connection 1.40pm The Sleeping Beauty. A traditional pantomines for Christmas. With Terry Wogan, Jimmy Young, June Whittlield and Kenneth Connort, 2.00 Ed Stewart with Forces' Favourites. Music, dedications, requests linking servicemen and women with the folks back homet. 4.00 Sing Something Simple, With The Citil Adams Singerst. 4.30 The Fosdyke Saoz (last in saries) starring Starburbana

Adams Singerst, 4.30 Ine Foscyke
Saga (last in series) staming Stephanie
Turner, Philip Lowrie and David
Threlfatt. 4.45 Charifle Chester with your
Christmas Soapboxt. 5.00 Christmas
At The Dome. Christmas activities at
The Dome. Brighton, 7.00 Christmas
Night with Dr Evadne Hinge and Dame
Hida Bracket, 7.30 Grand Hotel with
May Lattle and the Paim Court. Max Jaffa and the Palm Court Orchestra. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour from Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Bellast, 9.00 Your Mandred Bent Tures, with Alan Keith, 10.00 Rostal and Schaefer entertain you at two planos, with Julian Lloyd Webber, 10,30

4.55 News. 5.00 Orchestras on their Home

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Air, the Philharmonic Orch of
Mexico, the Boston Symphony,
the Los Angeles Philharmonic in
works by Via-Lobos, Chavez,
Ives (Three Places in New
England), Copland (Appalachian
Spring ballet suita) and
Gershwin (Phapsody in Blue), f
6.35 Music for Organ: Richard
Coulson, in St Michael's and Al
Angels Church, Croydon,
7.15 Fidelio: Beethoven's two-act
opera. Lorin Mazzel conducts
the Vienna Phil Orch and State
Opera Chorus, with Eva Marton
as Leonore, Tom Krause, Theo
Adam, James King, Libian
Watson, Thomas Moser and
Aage Haugland, Part of the 1983
Salzburg Festival, Act one.†
8.30 A Sentence for Tyranny; George
Gorori, Lecturer in Slavonio
Studies at Cambridge University,

Studies at Cambridge University, reflects on the life and times of the Hungarian poet Gyula lifyes, 9.00 Fidelio: the second and final

10.10 The Sunbether: Vivienne Dixon

reads the short story by Brian McCabe. 10.30 Jezz Today: Charles Fox looks back over the past year.1 11.15 News, Until 11.18.

5.00am Ray Moora.† 8.00 Terry Wogan.† 10.00 David Hamilton's Music Show.† 12.00 The Beatles at Christmas. The voices of the favourite four and their past Christmas hit records.† 1.00 The Grumbleweeds' Christmas Party.† 2.00 Sport on 2: Football: Comprehensive coverage, inclinom 3.55 second-hat commentary. Racing from Kempton (2.15) The King

Racing from Kempton (2.15) The King Georga VI Chase, 5.00 Sports Report, Incl 5.00 Classified Football Results, 5.30 Rugby round-up, 5.50 Pools news and results, 6.00 John Dunn, 7.30 Alan, Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era, f 8.30 Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz, 19.30 Star

Mantovari Maric with the BRC Radio Orchestra. 11.00 Pete Marray's Late Show (stored from midnight): 2.89 5.00em Bit Rennells, with You and the Might and the Musick

Radio 1 News 6.30: 8.30, 10'30am, 12.30-3.36, 5.00, 7.30, 10.00pm and 12.00 midnight

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FILM QUIZ

This is a one-liner, not a headline.

He wasn't James Bond in those days, either. "I'm an accountant, not Houdini", is a line from Frightened City, an early Scan Connery film and it provides a fine example of a screenwriting tradition that stretches back to the early days of talkies: the outlandish negative comparison.

This device, which we might as well refer to as the ONC, has many functions. It advances the story, letting the audience know who's who ("I'm a clairvoyant, not a pork butcher" - Claude Rains in The Clairvoyani, 1934) and where's where ("This is Algiers, not Paris" - Pépé le Moko, 1936); and it enlivens the dialogue by rounding off the information colourfully, disguising from the audience the fact that they've been fed a fact ("This is a rehearsal, not a rest cure" - Forty-Second Street, 1933).

The above are the earliest examples of the ONC that I have encountered... and over 40 years later we find it still going strong as Ian Hendry gets Damien - Omen 2 off to a solid start by telling Leo McKern, "I'm an archaeologist, not a religious fanatic". The two of them are buried alive almost immediately afterwards suggestive almost immediately afterwards, suggesting that, like a pair of Shakespearean lords, they have discharged their duty to the plot and are therefore superfluous.

But at least they have had their moment. Another important use of the ONC is to give an actor with a minor role a more interesting line to get his or her teeth into - especially if their scene is with the star of the picture. Instead of being just a boring woman character, how much stronger and more rewarding to be able to announce to Jack Palance in The Big Knife: that "I'm a woman, not a diplomat". To make Sylvester Stallone stand and listen in Paradise Alley as you describe his brother as "a fighter, not a broken toaster". To wash your hands of, yet remain superior to, the disintegrating Tyrone Power in Nightmare Alley with the classic 1940s putdown "I'm a psychologist, not a judge".

My files don't reveal whether this last actor was used again in The Greatest Show on Earth: James Stewart, as the clown on

the run. asks the cop who arrests him what his fate will be... and is told "I'm a policeman, not a judge". If it was the same outlandish, or to put it another way This actor, it's nice to think that his handling of the ONC in Nightmare Alley might have landed him the job. All this may seem like the small change of movies, but it can be a career highlight to the bit-player.

Not that the stars don't have to make the odd ONC themselves, though if the "O" is not Outlandish but merely Ordinary the result can be embarrassing. For example, what chance does poor George Segal (not long after being told in Fun with Dick and Jane that he is an aerospace executive. (not a real estate salesman) stand with "I'm an inspector, not an engineer" in Roller-coaster. Or George C. Scott ("I'm a king, not a chemist") in Beauty and the Beast? Burt Lancaster in The Train fares much

'I run a hotel, not a madhouse'

better with a couple of crackers: "We're working on a locomotive, not a pocket-watch" and "I'm a railroad man, not a prophet", which are almost trumped by Jeanne Moreau's "I run a hotel, not a

The Train is a story of the French Resistance, and the negative comparison has long been used as a way of expressing foreign characteristics in Hollywood and British films, such as Gallic nonchalance ("This is a ship, monsieur, not a taxi" — Journey into Fear, 1942) and Nazi sarcasm ("This is a labour camp, not a kindergarten" – the Boulting Brothers' Pastor Hall, 1940). This convention combines with the need for juicy star dialogue to produce three lovely comparisons, sending The Train right to the top of my ONC chart.

Also up there is the British B-feature Checkpoint, which boasts "You're a businessman, Michael, not a gangster" and "I'm a driver not a time-keeper", both within the space of a minute. And while it is true that one may spot the odd distinguished contribution, like Graham Greene's "I'm a painter, not a soldier" in

is a morgue, not a public art gallery' (Plague of the Zombier). Like Scan Connery, Stratford Johns made several such films early in his career. He, however, wasn't an accountant, but a detective, in 2-Way Alibi; he was also "a policeman, not an Egyptologist" in Cairo. Accountants, detectives, policemen ...

these, together with doctors and lawyers, are the ONC professions, and it is a dull writer indeed who is content merely to pair them off to achieve an effect (eg "I'm a them off to achieve an effect (eg "I'm a doctor, not a policeman" — The Interedible Melting Man). As with so many other things, the ONC reached its lowest ebb at the end of the 1950s, with "I'm a doctor, not a lawyer" (Compulsion) and "I'm a lawyer, not a doctor" (The Trials of Oscar Wilde) appearing virtually together.

So let's play a game. Among the hundred or more films on television this Christmas, there are bound to be several dozen examples of the Outlandish Negative Comparison. See how many you can spot, then award them marks: the highest going to the most extreme, taking into account the occupation of the character or nature of the place, the comparison made, the eminence of the actor or acress making it, and the importance of the film. As a warm-up, try and match the following ONCs:

a) "I'm an orderly, not a psychiatrist" b) "This is a restaurant, not a

"I'm a hooker, not an information bureau'

to these recent films: 1) Shoot the Moon 2) Heatwave

3) An American Werewolf in London Unfortunately, there won't be any prizes for competitors. I'm sorry, but I'm an occasional contributor to The Times, not

Father Christmas. **Andrew Nickolds**

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From the polls to Pole Pole, it has been

a year to remember. But Robin Young wonders how much you've forgotten . .

WEATHER OR NOT

- (1) Which winter was the coldest in living memory: a: 1980-1981
- b: 1981-1982 c: 1982-1983? (2) Which was the wettest June since 1879: a: 1981
- c: 1983? (3) Which was the wettest April since 1940:
- c: 1983? (4) July 1983 was the hottest since:
- d: 1659? (5) On how many days in July 1983 were temperatures in England and Wales
- over 80°F (27°C)?
- For nine weeks in 1983 Britain had 21/2 times the normal amount of rain. Did this wet period start in mid: a: March b: April
- c: May? Traffic on the M40 in Buckinghamshire was disrupted on May 21, 1983. Was it by: a: molten tarmac in a temperature of 76°F b: three-inch hailstones c= 4 of an inch of rain
- d: 3 inches of snow? (8) One day in 1983 was the coldest ever recorded on Earth. Was
- a: January 10 b: April 1 c: July 21 d: December 14?
- (9) Which of these is not thought to have influenced the weather in 1983: a: El Nino b: El Chichon
- d: I e Mistral? (10) What defended London against the weather for the first time on February 2?

e: La Camorra

MYSTERY HEADLINES

Can you remember the

(I) Use of royal scarlet reclaimed

- Kelpers bitter over visit Faust sung by pop star too much for Moscow
- (4) No cream sauce for Mitterrand (5) Massacre of the
- Tories 'resign in droves' Head's wife puts cat among the pigeons
- (8) Boat race brings best of British to Manhatten (9) Desert troops forbidden to wear medal
- (10) Woman who knew spy stood in local poli
- (11) Sierra campaign in
- Siberian mammoth goes to the dogs

ANIMALS

How did "a rat come to the aid of a sinking Whose death by hall in Toronto led rution? ned to rock

-unprecedented * was shared by vn, Captain ம்ள். Wayward Lad, Silver Beck and Ashley

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caused by Henry, a Jack Russell terrier? What world record was claimed for Zeya, a Siberian tigress?

- (8) What did Pole Pole mean?
- by Andricus quercus calicis?
- (12) What was variously said to be a puma, a
- in very unbecoming circumstances.
- the story of a little sheet carrying a bean
- it coheres as a whole". "The Parkinsonism
- point."
 (9) This is a military operation. It would need three armoured tanks, a couple of
- Para to stop us." "A little English phenomenon of no special interest."

of death: a: a Harvey Wallbanger, a Mickey Finn; Pernod on the

- (7) In what guise did David Agulnik astonish Princess Michael of Kent?
- (9) What have the stone curlew and the purple emperor to do with defence policy?
- (11) What 90 per cent ruination was effected

ABOUT WHAT

- (1) "I left home last week
- Commandments any more but unhappily
- "What is wrong with the world today is
- be individually tested:
- helicopters with machine guns and

MURDERS

- magistrate?
- mongrel, and a lurcher!

WHO SAID.

- society disregards them at its peril."
- greed, immorality and depravity." (5) "It's because I'm so very ordinary really".
 - brown man dressed in a
- documents which can
- about 600 men from 2

(1) Identify the instrument

- (10) What animal was reproved by a London

- "The worst national disaster for 100 years." "No one gives a fig for
- (6) "Nobody believed in
- pole."
 "The archive, in fact, is not only a collection of
- was really the clinching

died? a: Benigno Aquino b: Lee Bum Suk c: Issam Sartawi

Nine crowning glories. Can you tell to whom they belong?

d: Edgar Graham (3) How many people convicted of homicide are currently free in England and Wales?

rocks; a bottle of

making love.

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winklepickers;

exploding wellies.

a "Jack Ruby was Innocent" placard.

Champagne while

b: a cummerbund; a

of razor blades and

cravat; a punk-necklace

swastikas; a collection

of neckties.
c: Dr Scholl's sandals;
Doc Marten boots;

d: a bottle of ruby port:

a ruby kiss; a ruby ring;

e: a Christmas tree; a

Christmas cracker, a

Christmas card; a

Christmas present.

Can you identify the

(4) How many people were convicted for the murder of Aldo Moro? Who said a propos a murder case: "I really. could not see why there

about it"? With regard to whose murder was the score Hofdemel 60 votes, Sussmayer 39 votes, Salieri 28 votes?

Explain. QUOTABLE QUOTES

Who said:
(1) I just cannot stand hot

- (2) "I find so much to emulete in Winston." (3) "I am not prepared to
- stagger from compromise to compromise." positions held by these
- the essence of sweet victims, and where they reasonableness." "There is no definition
 - a landslide." (7) "I had a caesarean
 - who strike themselves
- hope of finding the other half of the pair was such a big hoo-ha

company. As you for others."

- OF 1983
- £53m?
- "I will continue to be
- of the poverty line."
 "I think I could handle
- myself. I know about (8) "I cannot accept responsibility for those
- out of a job.' "I have got one or two single gloves at home which I kept in the

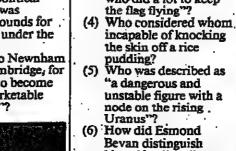
again. Now I shall be able to send them to the prosper yourself you ought to do something

- (1) How did Diane Bilanelli get about
- ride? (3) Who said: "It will be
- third wife. Can you name her?
- Meyer cause disharmony? (6) Who said: "I was not aware that political
 - three years to become "a more marketable

(10) "It reminds me of the old song, 'Maggie May'."

GOLD-DIGGERS

- (2) What did Dr Sally
- port wine next time.' (4) Miss World 1975 became Bruce Forsyth's
- (5) Where did Sabine
- expediency was sufficient grounds for an abortion under the 1967 Act"?
- Who went to Newnham College, Cambridge, for commodity"?



himself politically on February 24,1983? (7) Who recommended that in the event of nuclear war farmers should drive their cows into deep lane ditches and throw tarpaulins over them?

(8) What did Stephanie

(9) Who was reported to

have won two

(10) Who said: "I gave up

used to get wolf

POLITICS

(1) Who called whom "the

"a constitutional

enormity"?
(3) Who likened the

plutonium blonde"?

Communist Party to

the Society of Friends

as "self-effacing people who did a lot to keep

Who was described as

short skirts"?

hockey as soon as

possible and I didn't

like netball because I

whistles because of my

A-levels?

Grant do with her four

distinctions at school, one for best-kept

hamster and one for

services to others"?

(8) Who thought whom "a good socialist with many admirable qualities - it is a great pity these are marred by his macho-heterosexism"? Who was sacked as a

columnist by Titbits?

Who considered a Ford Sierra 1.6 "a smashing

Who...

- (1) was beneficiary in 132 wills and leftwas also know as
- Ronald Wycherley? . .choked to death on a bottle cap? .bequeathed the Holy

- as "a fat man whose gift for public suffering had enlisted the sympathy
- people"? ...conked out? ... was brother of Canada's first Canadian-born
- Governor-General? (8) ... died of MND, also
- by a razor and a dead donkey on a grand
- of a sentimental

- known as Lou Gemrig's

piano?

- (13) ... was twice
- (9) ...came to fame via a girl's eye sliced in half
- (5) ...had been described (10) ...loved cats and tried to kill his father? (11) ... collapsed at the despatch box?
 - ...was "the greatest foreign novelist since Joseph Conrad who haspaid us the compliment of writing in the English tongue"?

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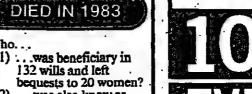
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Old meets new in the majestic wilderness where the conquering heroes are the dogs

Mr Kelly Nicholaissen is a between Reykjavik in: Iceland genial and optimistic Dane who and Kulusuk we looked down on salesman of sand to Arabs or surface packed with ice. At first submarines to the Swiss. His the cover appeared thin and current speciality is winter holidays in Greenland. He waves a large, thickly mitted fist at the stupendous view from his hiptel window across the rooftops of Angmagssalik in east armour against a land where Greenland and cheerfully green is a conspicuously absent lares that spring has arrived. The days are lengthening as March progresses, the view is often clear across the ford and are are fewer sudden, sniping rms from the north.

But to a European eye, Kelly's springtime looks suspiciously like a winter that is reluctant to let go its hold. The miountains are thickly quilted with snow and the late-afternoon temperatures turn breath frost. A huddle of vessels anchored incongruously in the ice mark the point where land and sea meet. But for anyone seeking tranquillity who can ppreciate the motionless power an iceberg and dramatic landscapes wrought by extreme cold, Greenland is the place.

Our party of six was there to de across this impressive wilderness in the traditional Greenland way - on dog-drawn sledges. It is a land little changed since the first explorers arrived; the world's biggest land with a central ice cap 10,000ft thick ringed by mountains and a wildly indented coast. A population the size of Perth's is spread across a country 52 times the size of Denmark, which includes Greenland within its kingdom although home rule was granted in May 1979. It is little touched tourism but is making an effort through enthusiasts like Kelly to attract visitors to its stark scenery and the distinctive way of life in the small hunting communities on the east Green-

"Coast" bardly describes this particular meeting between land and sea. From the small, twinengined aircraft flying high

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would probably thrive as a the Denmark Straight, its unconsolidated, then it became dotted with squadrons of icebergs that had fractured away from the polar zone. Insifere the ice formed impenetrable

> At Kulusuk the aircraft touched down beseath a high cliff upon which stand the domes that are a strand of Dewline, the American radar system employed to detect any Russian mischief passing over-head. A Greenlandair helicopter spurs of empty land and deeply frozen fiords to Angrasssalik: The hotel is firmly anchored

to its hilltop, shutters at the ready. Inside it was warm and comfortably appointed in cheer was a fine view of the village and a cobweb of sledge tracks running to infinity across the ice. From here it would be a step back in time, with all the movement dog-powered. Kelly pocketed his cordless telephone. He has been "nego-tiating" with the local weather

station. Tomorrow, the con-ditions would be good, he said, the dogs would be ready at nine. A dog's life in the pejorative sense must have been coined for the Eskimo breed. They sleep in the open through the fierce winter, insulated by their thick, shaggy coats and turning to motionless lumps on the ground as the snow builds over them. The weathermen kept their

bargain and next day was brittle clear. Ten sledges, the largest number the village had seen for years, assembled on the fiord and as time approached for a mass start the dogs grew more and more excited. The Greenland sledge has been developed over the centuries into a tough, functional vehicle, each one pulled by a team of six or eight dogs. The passenger languishes comfortably on a skin rug while the driver rides between the steering struts or walks when the going gets steep, urging on the dogs with Greenland ouths and an occasional crack of the

Sledges are still in use but modern Greenlanders have a taste for the fast, motorized. skidoos that scream and bounce



across the landscape at four times the best speed of a dog-drawn caledge. When we were overtaken by a trio of these rowdy/whicles, I felt as it I wan travelling up the M1-in a sedan chair. A sledge it certainly more majorist. The dogs scamper purposefully along on the last and togather beadlong downhill as the sledge threatens to overtake the team, forcing the driver to put all his weight on the elasticated metal claw at the stern, that bites into the mow stern that bites into the snow

and slows progress.

A half-day introductory dash across the fiord enabled visitors to get their sledge legs, followed by a day tour to licated where the village livelihood is from hunting bears and seals. This journey included a sledge descent of a frozen waterfall. Nervous souls may get off and

The next two days covered a tour to Tinitegilas, another hunting community on Sermilik Fiord, the birthplace of great icebergs that break away from the glaciers of the ice cap and make their ponderous way out

The sledge convoy was greeted outside the village by a large crowd of children, noisy,



Dogged determination: Huskies hand the sledges across the waste

friendly and eager to investigate the visitors. They live in a cluster of sturdy wooden houses, dotted around a hillside overlooking the frezen fiord. Their hardy and fragile life is based on a mainstay of seal hunting but this is now threatened by conservation-minded folk who are campaigning against the use of seal skins for coats and for the trinket

lt is inconceivable to the villagers that their hunting activities could endanger the scal colonies, but without the income from the skins they fear their own community might be endangered. There are other and cordless telephones.

more sinister threats to the traditions in this isolated corner of the world. Urban values have crept in and alcoholism has become a serious problem despite price levels that amount to a prohibition. Heavy drinking in a community where rifles are a commonplace has also produced an alarmingly high murder rate. But this is not at all an

undercurrent in Tinitegilag. where the village veterans plead for a return to the old values. They say there is strong political pressure now to turn the tide on an era represented by videos, smart fashion, rowdy skidoos

that was completely buried in snow, Kelly and his helpers dug their way down to the door and soon the chimney, protruding above the snow surface, was smoking busily and the invisible hut became snug.

Also visiting was a party from the British Schools Exploring Society known particularly to the locals as adudadus. The term is entirely polite and dates back to the time when Gino Watkins, a very well brought up British explorer, devoted a lot of time to the Greenland coast. Wherever he went he introduced himself to the locals with a polite "How do you do?" which they turned into a quaint noun that has stuck ever since.



Details of the 10-day holiday are available from Twickenham Travel, 84 Hampton Road, Twickenham, Middlesex (01-898 9681). The 898-package includes all flights, bed and breakfast in Reykjavik and all meals and accommodation in Greenland. Thermal boots and

keting Research Bureau. Two

and a half million people go

there in a year. There are never fewer that 70,000 foreigners in

the town, the departy mayor, my

Nevertheless the ouestion ha

begun to loom: Whither Beni-

dorm? Representatives of Ara-

bian oil megamagnates, in town

recently seeking undertakings

into which they might pour some money, left without

spokesman said that Benidorm

had gone as far as it could as a

centre of mass tourism. It was

time to expand in another

direction, catering for a more

demanding clientele with a

greater purchasing power. Well,

So there may yet be a theatre

and opera house, a Benidorm Literary Prize and Festival of

the Arts. But not in summer

time. Long live Benidorm as it

is, I say. May it continue to

draw the millions who enjoy it

Peter Black

as it is, and would go some

Thomson offer 28 nights at Los Ranchos apartments for £115 including flight. The same company has 28 nights half-board in a 3-star

avallable. Brittany Ferries (Plymouth, 0752-263388) have a

Santander, whence Benidorm is

hotel for £218.

where else if it did not exist.

that's what the man said.

investing anything.

Fashionable forays along the Riviera

Tobias Smollett, Scottish physician and writer, let the cat out of the bag when he published Travels Through France and Italy in 1766: Three years carlier, heartbroken after his only daughter's death from consumption, this Dumbartonshire gentleman left England to spend 10 months in Nice where he alternately praised and damned the locals and their habits and appalled them by bathing in the sea. His journal tickled the fancy of the English aristocracy who set out to pass the winter in what promised to be a temperate climate amid beauty and history.

Smollett offered a perfect deal No holiday brochure could have done better. What Englishman could fail to be enticed by his description of a view from Nice ramparts? "The plain presents nothing but gardens, full of green trees, loaded with oranges, lemons, cirrons, and bergamots, which make a delightful appearance; all sorts of sallading, and pot-herbs, in perfection; and plats of roses, carnations, ranunculas, anemonies, and daffodils, blowing in full glory, with such beauty, vigour, and perfume, as no flower in England ever exhi-bited."

And of the climate: "Many people, even of condition, at Nice, have no fire in their chambers, during the whole winter," And for sights: "There are considerable monuments of antiquity in the neighbour-hood", which he then described at length.

Tourism had arrived on the Riviera. And it has grown ever since. At first the magnet was the winter climate. Throughout the nineteenth century and up until the First World War, this was the season when European rulers and nobility gathered in Nice to see and be seen. Fashionableness increased with the construction of the Promen ade des Anglais by the British inhabitants in 1822 and accessibility with the arrival of the railway in 1863. Later, painters came, attracted by the strong light and colours. Renoir. Bonnard, Picasso, Chagall; many more settled there and Matisse lived mainly in Nice for over 30 years. Their legacy is the glorious museums of their works that pepper the coastal

and hilltop villages.

Mrs Murphy, a wealthy American couple who were the inspiration for the characters of the Divers in Scott Fitzgerald's Tender is the Night, were staying at Cole Porter's villa at Cap d'Antibes. They did the unthinkable: bathed and lounged on the sand in the full sun. Young society followed their lead and the tables were turned. Where previously business was slack and prices low during the hot season, hotel charges and villa rents now soared in the summer when the bright young arrived. And it has been the same ever since. In the winter, the Promenade and gaming tables see action only from elderly travellers escaping from

In 1922, a certain Mr and

the northern cold. Tobias Smollett can have had little idea that his journal would be the springboard for two centuries of British tourism. And Augustus Hare, another literary visitor to these parts, might be equally surprised at bow little the villages and hillsides have suffered since his forays into the countryside during a winter sojourn at (01-560 5000). Menton.

This is especially true of the area between Nice and the concrete 468-acre principality of Monaco. The lower corniche road wiggles between the steep hills and the azure Mediterranean that gave the area its name. Instead of the ubiquitous French camping sites and hotels that litter most of the Midi, stately, old and elegant, modern villas line the road and dots the hillsides, their walls festooned with crimson and purpie bougainvillaca.

Viajes Alameda on the Avenida Rincon de Loix is a useful letting agency to call on. Winter rents start at \$25 a week behind the front and Neither King Leopold II of Belgium, the Duke of Connaught nor Somerset Maugham rise to £35 for one overlooking the sea. Independent flights to Alicante cost £180 for a scheduled flight or changed the little fishing cove of St-Jean on the isthmus of Cap Ferrat very much. Locals sit about £90 on one of the bargains over a vin rouge in dimly lit cases along the narrow streets, a car ferry service from Plymouth to

ous, overfilled Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Baroness Ephrussi, a Rothschild by birth and taste, bought Tiepolo ceilings, eighteenth century Parisian panel-ling, Florentine doors and anything else that came her way. She continued to amass booty while the villa was being constructed, so confusing her numerous architects that on completion it was found that not one had remembered to put in a staircase.

Villefranche lies further along the coast. Tunnelled and stepped alleys smelling of garlic. tomatoes and herbes de Provence lead down between red' and other houses to a harbour lined with restaurants and cafes. Their menus tempt passers-by with fixed price gourmet meals for £6-£8, or with La Belle Bouihabaise - an exotic fish stew, complicated to prepare and a marathon to eat.

Up in the hills, the medieval villages are hardly changed. And even the remotest boasts a family-run restaurant serving good, inexpensive Provencal food - more fish soup, hare, lamb and lemon tart. Ezc. behind La Turbie, is the nearest and so a bit too popular. But



Pablo Picasso: Settled .

from the Chateau Eza at the top of the village the views are breathtaking. Tiny balconies jut out from the castle wall over a sheer drop of 1,300ft to the sea. Further into the hills, up narrow zig zagging roads that sometimes take a short cut through a cliff, are the more isolated villages of Peillon and Peille. And, perched above Menton, Ste Agnes claims to be the highest village in the area. Looking across the valley to the lush mountains, their slopes glowing with flowering broom in June, Smollett's praise is still justified: "The plantations extend to the very tops of the hills, interspersed with villages, caschurches, and tles, churches, and villas. Indeed the whole Riviera is ornamented in the same manner, except in such places as admit of no building nor cultivation.

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Louise Nicholson



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Bingo! Bango! Bravo! It's Benidorm published by the British Mar-

bad place to be. The waves of Wallies, as the travel industry ungratefully calls the summer visitors that provide these stories of wild and fatuous receded. Those whom the Spaniards call "the third age", las personas mayoras, are tricking in for the late vacation or the fong winter stay. Adios les

doscamisados, vivan los desdentados is the cry.

Evidence of the great occupation lingers in the shop signs and the menus outside the popular bars and restaurants. Twenty years ago the menus were written in Spanish, how-ever internationalized the dish-"Camarero; what are croquestas de lobo de mar? Croquettas of sea-wolf, senor. Fishcakes." But there is no time now for such refinements. Empenads al Duque de Corn-wall and Bifter bicado al estilo

de postor are plain cornish pesty and shepherd's pic. But, as my hosts pointed out with some emphasis, there are dozens of places for those that want them where one can eat good Spanish food, Ask the nearest expatriate.

They took me to La Pergola, very up-market restaurant on the north end of the waterfront. Its windows look back along the sweep of the bay that brings the millions, the seven kilometres of golden sand of the Playa de Levante, a darker patch rep-resenting the village from which the town grew.

In October the days are hot and the evenings balmy. It was seven o'clock when I arrived. I joined early drinkers in the Bar-Antwerpen, in time to see a





Peace at last: A quiet stroll by the boat harbour in Benidorm

pleasant touch of human kindliness. The four-piece orchestra stuck up the Wedding March. Everyone smiled and applanded. The couple thus honoured exchanged looks of beatific sheepishness and the moment entered their store of good times.

There'd be an orchestra Bingo! bango! Playing for us To dance the las And people would clap When we arose. At her sweet face

And my new clothes A haunting little poem by Scott Fitzgerald which stuck in my head at first reading and has refused to leave it.

In the pace of its develop-ment Benidorm resembles the gold rush towns of California and Australia, though its gold pours down from the sky. The ence is that those towns yearsed upwards, and built-opera houses and theatres for Sarah Bernhardt and Macready and Jenny Lind and Lola Montez to appear in. Benidorm has stuck to its brief nothing too cerebral. Gorgeous sun and sea by day; at night barbecues discotheques, nightclubs and restaurants and such other fleshly mischief as is desirable and procurable; to which, in nn and winter, will suc-

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tyme dancing, courses in rug weaving and flower arrange-

The target of entertainment is the audience reflected by the international top ten television programmes and the place to see this Benidorm in full cry is the Benidorm Palace, an enter tainment centre said to have the biggest stage in the world. Streams and flashes of coloured lights poured over the

audience. There were only four players in the band, but thanks to what Churchill called the lights of a perverted science they were making enough noise for 400. The audience sat at little tables drinking the sweet sparkling wine such places sell. Among them, making their way betwen the tables with halting gait, I saw quite a number of old Brits. The music could not have meant much to them. Perhaps they were waiting for the barebreasted dancers and the accomplished transversite who would imitate Marilyn Monroe

and Edith Piaf. Benidorm is the most popular resort town in the world, according to figures

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Selina Scott, of BBC's Breakfast Time, has recently been quoted



Derek Jacobi is captivating andiences (and Sinead Cusack) as dreading becoming an old as Benedick in the RSC's Much maid, but her choice should help Ado About Nothing at the her to remain fresh and Barbican His is an artistic



Glenys Kinnock battles fiercely to keep life as normal as possible for her two children Stephen and Rachel. Her choice



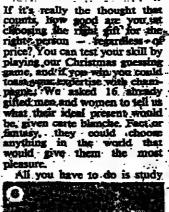
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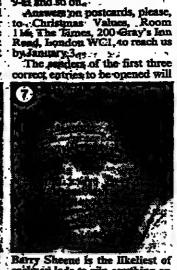
ever all-round athlets. His choice would certainly give him

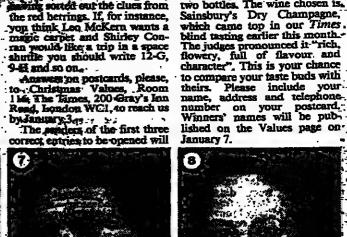


Richard Ingrams, super satirist, is aditor of *Private Eye*. In view of one of his most long-standing fends with a public figure, his choice for Christmas is at least



Actress. Judi Dench's ideal holiday is to go camping on a remote Scottish island with her husband and daughter. Her ideal gift would take more than





wo bottles. The wine chosen is.

Sainsbury's Dry Champagne, which came top in our Times. blind taxing earlier this month.



Barry Sheene is the likeliest of cockiney lads to win anything on two motorized wheels. He actually has his Christmas chitte already, but would like a novelist. Her choice is somesingle-handed, is now a dollar millionairess and best-selling.



Shirtey Conran, best-selling author, lives the life of a tax exite who plays Monopoly with real houses. Granting her Christmas wish would be a bit mas choice, he is going to have

Palarasies.







Leo McKern of the claret-rich voice and Toby lng face, is best known as Rumpole of the Bailey in the ITV series. He was born





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to the handicapped. She has than the head of a highly choice could be enjoyed by
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ons a doctor as you are ever likely to meet. Married with two



This will have to walt until January 19 have the next sale of Staffordshize.
The lot Blustened is a rare ligure of Napoleon in black cooked hat and full uniform. 2114in high and expected to bring about 2400. It is late nicetoentic cartary, and we hope & Inspires the



who see but the author of the F-plan diet? Our gift is to arrange a westly consultation, with Audray Eyton (not something she dose in reality). Untrovanetally the recipient will have to pay, Audray finds from years of experience settly simmers that what motivates, them is having to commit themselves to paying a lot of money. A regular weight ho by someone else is essential, and she reckors it would take three months at £100 a week "with a touch of the lash and a lot of the carnot" to be effective. So this present is going



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So, to caterer Pamela Price, 26 The Pavernent, Clapham Common, London SW4 for SD, part day packed funches (plus £7.50 each way cab delivery); to Hatchards in Piccadilly for Painter's Progress, a year's art course in one wonderful book, £25; and to Liftywhites for a personal whip – the only way to achieve the third wish, £20 for a hunting crop, plus £13 for the thong. What the recipient really wants, of course, is eight days a week, Sorry.



where. Simple. This 100-year-old Baluchi ng was one of a bale bought by a broker. The minute she sold it for 250 everything started to go wrong, so she bought it back three days later for £70, whereupon her good luck returned. Not whereupon her good make fedurate for being very superstitious, she tested the rug by giving it to her mother. Same effect – bad luck until it was back home. Magic indeed. The current value is about 2250, but for her it is priceless – and obviously a magic carpet automatically



weightlesaness would be like.
A six weeks' orientation and training programme costs around \$75,000 and A six weeks' crientation and training programme costs around \$75,000 and may not be far off for the public. But we are fixing the weightlessness experience by including a CTFF aircraft in this Christmas stocking — It's the one that takes potential astronauts on parabolic fights to give them a 20 to 30 seconds' sense of weightlessness. Not for the public, though, and we hope the reciclent has a good head for helphris.



There are only about four of these in Britain, so we are on General Aviation Manufacturers and Traders Association, 28 High Street, Brit., Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, who will pass the order on to Sixorsky in the United States. Delivery will depend on whether there is one in stock, and there are not likely to be many on the shelf at \$1,800,000.



and is acclaimed as the gree

Rhode Island in 1909. An unequipped replica would cost \$80,000 or more.



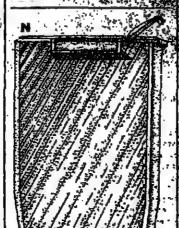
A fairy factorum so that I could go to work knowing that my house would be decorated, deak acred, coolding cleaning and ironing done without my having to fret about it.

Obviously Universal Aunts — "advice

naving to fret about it.

Obviously Universal Aunts - "advice and aid in all emergencies" - would supply temporary help from their offices at 250 King's Road, London SW3. For comptitude more about it. something more permanent we may have to build a special robot, which can one to out a special robot, which can do everything at the press of a button, so we are commissioning the computer whizz kid, Citve Sinciair to design one -a little project which could cost at least half a million.





A gold toothpick container. Not a gold toothpick - I don't like the idea of that-but something to plut my toothpicks in. gold toothpicks every year, but so far no container. To satisfy this whim, therefore, we had to buy an optimery plastic flip-top container of Sunodent picks from Booths and ask the Asprey goldsmiths to make it up, Estimated cost: £750.







A new kitchen with a gartege public.

Obviously not just any new intrien will do so, we are having one specially handcrafted in tak by Smellbone. The design is a copy of a Victorian country kitchen and
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meternise-winered interfoce. Complete, with Applicolois, wall and floor tiles, about
210,400. Specifions kitchens can be seen at Harrings.



unfisted sectarities.

As it happens, one of the country's leading merchant banks, Singer & Friedlander, is for sale and a suitable bid now could well bring tilvitiende. The head office is at 21 New Street, Bishopogats, London EC2 and there are branches in Birminghem, Bristol, Glasgow, Leads, Nottingham, Isle of Man and Swiftzerland, so for 550m or ac, we could probably cet a Swiss bank. we could probably get a Swiss bank



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IN THE GARDEN

Escape to the sweet scents of winter

a time for working in the garden although lovers of solitude no These varieties are decidudoubt relish such an excuse for a few quiet moments away from the merry-making. However those who do venture outside, perhaps to walk off the effects of over-consumption, may be urprised at the wide range of flowering plants to enjoy in parks and gardens at this time

The viburnum family is one of my favourites, and there are a number which produce scented flowers now. Viburnum farreri, with its tight clusters of white flowers, is one of the first to flower. V x bodnantense also has white flowers, in bigger

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For most of us Christmas is not clusters, the form Deben showous; the attractive evergreen V Tinus is also in flower now, although it is not scented. It has in colour.

> opening from pink buds, and can be covered with blossom in mild spells. wintersweet, Chimonanthus praecox. This shrub is best grown against a wall so that one can look up into the centres of

large clusters of white flowers

hang down. To me the witch hazel is the best of the winter-flowering plants. Its unusually shaped flowers, formed on

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the attractive flowers as they

stems, are strongly scented and it is possible to detect it by smell alone. Hamamelis mollis has rich yellow flowers; the form Pallida is nearer primrose

Honeysuckles are well known for their scent, and the shrubby Lonicera fragrantissima is no exception. It has masses of Another scented plant is the small creamy white flowers carried in the leaf axils. Although not showy in flower, it is well worth space because of Finally, I would be delighted if I could get Helleborus niger to

flower on Christmas Day for me; unfortunately, it is always that little bit too late. Ashley Stephenson

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every nation in northern best: . Europe has its own version of a hot toddy or mull. The Swedes flavour theirs with aquavit, cardamom and dried fruits and call it glogg. the Germans frequently lace theirs with Schnaps and call it Glabwein or glowing wine, but the British flavour theirs with aquavit, cardamom and dried fruits and call it glogg, the Germans frequently lace theirs with Schnaps and call it Gluhwein or glowing wine, but the British still make the best:

The Bishop 1½ bottles modestly priced port; 2 oranges; handful of cloves; 1pt hot water; mixed spice; 2oz lump sugar Stick the cloves into one of the

large saucepan being careful not to let it boil or all that precious alcohol will evaporate. In another saucepan boil the hot water and mixed spice together. Remove the roasted orange from the oven and add it to the large saucepan together with the root and hot mixed printer with the root of t port and hot spiced water, visitors using all those dregs of

Pour 2pt of the ale into a large saucepan together with the sugar and cinnamon stick, Hear-

gently until the sugar, has dissolved before adding all the other ingredients, and gradually bring the mixture up to the boil.
If you want to give your wassail oranges and roast it in the oven of you want to give your wassail for about half an hour. Meanwhile, heat the port gently in a large saucepan being careful not to let it boil or all that precious Serving a mull or publich on the same of the same of brandy just before serving.

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port and hot spiced water. visitors using all those dregs of Finally rub the sugar lumps wine, port and brandy. On the over the second orange to absorb its zest and oils, place the lumps in a large heat-proof the punchbowl with the juice from the second orange and pour the hot port over this. Serves 15-20: The Bishop makes an excellent warming drink before or after Midnight Mass. The most traditional— Christmas r Eve cooking apple; cloves; the soft:

Christmas Eve is the perfect tipple, however, is the wassail brown sugar for mole to laster 1. time to start making that most bowl, which like the Bishop large tiek chromoth 2 thirty sleed Christmassy and traditional of comes in dozens of different, lenong 1 bottle calvados, tipples, mulled wine. Nearly versions. This I think is the Stick-the cloves into the apple

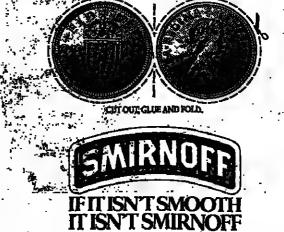
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Bourbon egg-nog 2pt bourben (at a pritter whick) would do Allanger 13 the sugar, 2pt whipping cream.

alowly anti-control of constantly to addid constantly to addid constant of the mixture to stand for at least three hours or overnight so that it will not separate later. Just before serving whip the cream and beat the egg whites separately until stiff. Slowly add the whipped cream to the mixture and fold in the egg-white. Ghill and serve with spoons. Serves 20 generously. Happy Christmasi

Lang MacOntity

Anyone who's too mean to buy Smirnoff won't want to waste good money in the Christmas Pud.



HOLIDAY VILLAS

Looking reproachfully at me as I write this piece is the still unsorted harvest of a year's unsorted harvest of a year's an interpolation was a misproduced Macbeth at the Old Vic in 1980 that was the Old Vic in 1980 that was a misproduced Macbeth at the Old Vic in theatregoing: a boxful of programmes from Stepney, Sheffield. Shaftesbury Avenue, and a good many places in between. Lying on top, for some reason, is one from a pub in the Mile End Road. I remember that night: the audience consisted of eight punks and me. Another one, sticking out at the corner, is from the Glasgow Citizens' and must be that Jacobean comedy in which most of the characters were dressed as Hollywood stars, from Jean Harlow to Mickey Mouse.

And that sleek one that reads simply "Y" dates back to a first night I can remember little about apart from my dazed companion repeating. "I just can't believe this is happening", and a momentary glimpse of George Melly sitting behind us in the stalls with mouth agape as if in speechless incredulity.

Other programmes are covered with scribblings which should revive forgotten delights and horrors at a glance, if I could only make out what they referred to. Bill Tidy's The Great Eric Ackroyd Disaster at the Oldham Coliseum has some of the most illegible jottings; it is hard to write properly when you are shaking with laughter and know that the next cue for

Eric was, in his creator's very hard to sit through with a cious actresses from the age of words, a genius whose simple straight face. The comeback was negligence caused "events as Tanner in Man and Superwhich make other major natural man at the Haymarket last catastrophes (Mrs Thatcher, Mr winter. O'Toole not only had Foot, Roy Jenkins) appear to be tremendous comic panache but inconsequential". As champion a wild visionary quality that no smoke-mixer in a fictitious recent actor playing the role has northern town, he was respon- achieved. sible for maintaining the air at His movements were units correct degree of foulness: a gainly, he murdered Shaw's moment's inattention, resulting prose rhythms, his voice in a burst of clean air, nearly cracked on almost every sen-

stripes, and exiled (horror of with a specially impudent ad-lib horrors) to London, his decline and, on the narrow Haymarket and fall followed the primrose stage, played the Act 2 scene path of adulation as a real-life with Tavy as a cricket match northerner – getting his own that had the poor lad as tensely northerner - getting his own chat show, dabbling in politics, offering tripe to the Queen at her own garden party and becoming hopelessly addicted to an alcoholic liquid detergent called Soapo. As far as remember, he ended up in St Devious's Hospice for Soapoho-

lies, being looked after by some very peculiar nuns. As far as comebacks from disaster are concerned, this year's prize goes uncontested to Peter O'Toole. The disaster in Peter O'Toole. The disaster in inally large-scale musical got this case, you may remember, triumphant second wind as a

killed everybody and wrecked tence, but you watched him in the town's chances in the fascination and increasing deannual Industrial Coughing light: he knew just what he was doing, even if the rest of the cast Championship at Wembley.

Disgraced, stripped of his bib seemed not to. Dwarfing everyand brace like an officer's one, he creased up James Grout and brace like an officer's one, he creased up James Grout and the considering impudent ad-lib defensive as a slip fieldsman in his first Test. I think you can look forward to his forthcoming Professor Higgins with appre-hension and relish.

Another, supremely dignified comeback was made in April by the 79-year-old Vivian Ellis, whose Mr Cinders, revived in the West End after 54 years, had a fizzing opening night at the Fortune, Still in excellent shape, if reports are right, this orig-

Binnie Hale and Bobby Howes in 1977 at the age of 98 his arrived in their limousines, and Mr Ellis rose amidst cheers at the end for a speech full of wit way only to whisper in my ear how nice it was to see a critic

enjoying himself. At my local theatre, the Royal Court, I have specially grateful memories of Caryl Churchill's Fen. The Joint Stock Company's stay of some weeks in a remote Fenland village last year produced a moving sometimes grotesque, sometimes frightening sequence of scenes showing a society that had not left the irrational beliefs, terrors and brutalities of rural communities very far in

the past.

The play, and actress Cecily would also win an award for the most hilarious, if hair-raising, story heard on the London stage this year, a seemingly endless tale of how a wandering boy got drawn into a gruesome axe-murder plot that included an adulterer's body buried under the murderer's name and a corpse getting out of its coffin to make a cup of

The sly, gritty and resilient George Hewins, a Stratford-on-Avon man, would have taken

grandson's wife Angela taped his memories, which she shaped into a best-selling book called The Dillen. This summer the Royal Shakespeare Company it as a peripatetic outdoor performance.

The whole audience tramped past the Dirty Duck into the RSC's shack studio for the first scenes, through Holy Trinity Churchyard, up on to the Avon bridge to watch the cast peapicking on the banks below; along the disused railway track to see George getting his first job as a brickie; and then into a tent for a horribly vivid evocation of his time on the Western Front.

It was such an experience that few of us managed any trenchant criticisms afterwards, and even my programme seems to have fallen by the wayside, probably on the torchlight procession back through the Stratford streets. It doesn't seem to be in the box, though among that lot one could hardly be sure. But who would spend an evening clearing out a programme box when he could goto the the theatre instead?

Anthony Masters

Ring out the old with Solti and the probing Priestley



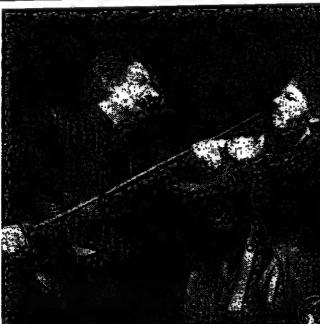
Shadowy success: Carol Maness as Electra in Trevor Nunn's Idomeneo at Glyndebourne

THEATRE QUIZ 1983

Can you put a name to the players and plays?

These seven photographs were taken from stage productions in London and Stratford-upon-Avon between October 1982 and September 1983. Give yourself one mark for each of the actors you can identify; one mark for the name of the play. one more for the author; and the final one for the theatre where the production took place (in one case, two theatres). That gives a maximum of 33 marks, but we reckon that 30 or more is worth a few curtain calls. The photographs were selected from Theatre Year 1983 by Donald Cooper (Methuen, £5.95).





2. Seems to be a case of one nose trying to get up another





4. Alf from Wapping as Len from Lancashire, originally Naples

Facts and figures of the year in view

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(b) 1981-82, when three of four people died
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(d) 1659. 5 (c) 16 - 10 was the figure for 1978. 5
(s) From March 14. 7 (d) Three inches of snow,
8 (c) July 21. A temperature of minus 128.8°F
(minus 89.2°C), the lowest ever recorded, was
registered at the Vostok weather station,
Amberdica, 9 (c) La Camorna - the Naples
branch of the Maffa. El Nino is the surge of
warm water along the seast coest of South
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Chicton is a Mexican volcano whose eruption
is claimed to have disturbed weather patterns;
Le Mistral is the French wind. 16 The Thames
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5. An air from a shoestring, or what the professor said to the student

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I Artiur Scergit; Marparet Thatcher 2 Roy Jenkins, as "Prime Nanister designate" 3 Mgr Bruce Kent. 4 Roy Hattersleys Michael Foot. 5 Dr Oavid Owen, according to Cld Moore's Altranta. 5 By gating the lowest poll in any modern Parliamentary election, 3 votes in the Sermondsey by-election in which he finished sodderth. 7 Peter Walker, 8 Peter Tatchett, Net Kinnock, 3 Ken Livingstone, 10 Net Kinnock, after writing his off on the mistorway.

Quotable quotes 1-19 All were said by Mrs Thatcher

Gold diggers of 1983



from farce-within-a-farce



Could almost be Ernie Wise trying to sell one of his plays to Eric

Priestley and Wagner, who might sound a little like a successful firm of solicitors. were the key names of the operatic year. Priestley de-livered the Report on Covent Garden - and the RSC as well. although that section got rather less publicity. Wagner received considerable exposure.

Even back in January it looked as though the Ring cycle in Bayreuth was going to be the event of the year. And so it turned out Early on it became known as the "British" Ring. partly in reaction to Chereau's staging last time round at the Festspielhaus and partly be-cause of the weight of the forces involved: the production team of Peter Hall and Bill Dudley. Georg Solti (a naturalized Briton) in the pit and half a dozen UK singers.

Reports of international friction before the first night, which tried to make out that Bayreuth was more like a rerun of Colditz than Richard Wagner's opera house, were much exaggerated. The results were indeed controversial, but it has not been generally noted that the spearhead of the attack on Hall's staging came from the American and French critics; the reaction from the German press, as from the British, covered a wide spectrum of

praise. Hildegard Behrens as ation and spirit of adventure Brunnhilde delivered the most which has been too often exciting singing I heard this lacking in Bow Street, year. And I will stick to my Certainly there has forecast of last July that this will develop into a memorable Ring especially now that relations between Britons and Bavarians are better. Solti just has to discover the Siegfried of his dreams.

Back in Britain there was more Wagner and more Ring. with two new native cycles beginning in the same week at the end of October. That was an unprecedented occurrence. The Welsh National Opera began at the beginning with Rheingold and the English National Opera opted for a more popular start in the shape of Halkure. Critical reaction to both was Glyndebourne season, although

judged on the basis of a single evening and the ENO, in particular, was hampered by the loss of its chosen Brunnhilde, Linda Esther Grey, for most performances.

And so to Clive Priestley and his massive report commanded by the Government During the period it was compiled, with Priestley's investigators probing into every corner of the Opera House. Covent Garden was not having a happy time.

The 1982/83 season was a

poor one, with so many publicized cancellations, and there might have been some trepidation in advance of Priestley's findings. But in fact Priestley came out and said what many of us have been saying for years: if Britain wants an international opera house then it must be prepared to pay for one. And he said it most clearly and cogently, adding correctly that a cut-price operation was useless.

Priestley must have cheered up the ROH board no end, so much so that it acted swiftly on main recommendations look like being implemented by the Government - and have even taken on one member of the inquiry team in a private consultancy capacity. The recent new production of Boris For Solti there was little but also demonstrated an imagin-

Certainly there has been no lack of adventure in St Martin's Lane where the ENO have continued with a policy of putting on as many new productions as possible, several of little-performed works with costs either cut to the bone or shared with other houses. This might appear to be living dangerously, but under the Elder-Pountney regime - both are in their mid-thirties controversy is deliberately courted. Some operas like Rienzi more Wagner - you win; others like Attreille you wish you had never dreamt up.
The clear success of the

muted, but Rings are not to be no one would have noticed it from most of the press reviews, was the new production of Mozart's Idomeneo, which marked Trevor Nann's début in opera, Idomenco, which has always held a very special place in Glyndebourne repertoire, was staged quasi-Japanese style in a cool, clear light. Beautiful to look at and beautifully conducted by Bernard Haitink Nunn himself made total dramatic sense of what can be the least dramatic of operas.

The regional companies. apart from the occasional foray, I could observe only from afar. The WNO, under Brian Mac-Master, still gives us a better taste than any other theatre in this country, lyric or non-lyric, of European stagecraft, with Pintilie's version of Carmen as the extreme example. But the WNO virtually sold out at the massive Dominion in London earlier this month and that is MacMaster's due reward.

Scottish Opera, now run by John Cox, has been battling fiercely against those who would have it cut down in stature and, thank goodness, it appears to be winning. Opera North, also under a new director, Nicholas Payne, looks as though it is beginning to improve its casting which was not always satisfactory during

Finally, a deferential bow to
La Scala, Milan, which for the
opening night of its season,
December 7 as ever, made an fashioned opera Turandot was the work, after many a change during the course of the year, and Franco Zeffirelli, returning to the house which has seen so many of his successes over the past quarter of a century, put on a super show. A touch of kitsch? Perhaps. A dash of Hollywood? Certainly. But the orchestra under Maazel sounded magnificent and soprano Ghena Dimitrova in this house, which is so sympathetic to the voice, did for Puccini what Behrens had earlier done for Wagner.

John Higgins

Quiz answers

Royal tops and toes,

Princess of Wales Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia

people and places

Murroers

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Theatre quiz: Actors and their acts

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Christmas cheer around the world

Crowning glories revealed

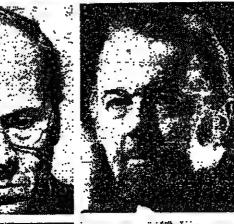














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Glot Jol and a Happy Christmas!

understanding this year with the help of *The Times's cosmopolitan guide to Christmas*. All you have to do to the transfer of tan guide to Christmas. All you have to do to make your "Happy Christmas" understood and appreciated all round the different language - you're world is to match the numbered greetings set out below with the 26 languages printed opposite

Spread a little international them; then try them out on the louder in the time-honoured English way. If that fails, use a bound to get the message across John Neville

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PREVIEW Theatre

Unless otherwise indicated, all theatres are closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day and Open Sat and weekdays as usual. THE CUSTOM OF THE COUNTRY The Pit (628 8795)
Mon, Tues and Wed at 7.30pm. In repetory (no other shows this week)

Critics' choice

week)
Taking a rare Jacobean comedy as
its starting-point, Nicholas Wright's
tale of innocent and fleshly love in turn-of-the-century Transvael has a highly original flavour and provides Sara Kestelman and Sinead Cusack with two splendidly

HAY FEVER

Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matiness Wed at 3pm. No peri today Noël Coward's 1920s comedy

about a theatrical family and their mixed beg of persecuted house uests remains hilanous after any number of revivals, and Penelope Keith takes to the leading lady's part as though to the bad manners

MR CINDERS Fortune (836 2238) Mon-Fri at 8pm, Set at 4,30pm and 8pm; metinées Thurs at 3pm. No 8pm perf today

Out of Town

BIRMINGHAM: Alexendra (021 643 1231). Mother Goose by Bill Roberton. Today at 2.30pm and 7pm. For a season, Mon-Sat at 7pm; matinees Mon-Sat at 2.30pm until Jan 7, then Tues, Wed. Thurs and Sat at 2.30pm until Jan 21, then Tues, Wed and Sat at 2.30pm Featuring John Inman, Bill Maynard, Susan Maughan, Dawson Chance.

BRISTOL: Theatre Royal, Old Vic (0272 24388). The Merry Gentleman by Julian Siede, No Genteman by Junan Stade, No perf today or Jan 30. Until Fab 4, Mon-Wed at 7.15pm, Thurs-Sat at 7.45pm; matinees Thurs at 3pm, Sat at 4pm (also Boxing Day, Dec 27-29 and Jan 2 at 3pm) Slade's 1953 musical fairy tale contains some memorable tunes, and allowed at 1950 musical fairy tale. and pleases adults and children alike. Roger Bizley, June Barrie, Ian Lindsay lead; John David

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BROMLEY: Churchill (450 6677). The Wizard of Oz. Today at 10.30am and 2.30pm. Until Jan 21, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matiness Mon-Sat at 2.30pm until Jan 7, then Wed, Thurs and Sat at 4.15pm (except Jan 21 at 2.30pm) Llon, Fenella Fielding as the Wicked Witch of the West, in the stage version of the MGM film

CARDIFF: New (0222 32446). Humpty Dumpty, Today at 2.30pm only. Until Feb 4, Mon-Sat at 2.30pm and 7pm Ventriloquist Keith Harris, with his most popular character Orville,

plus planist Bobby Crush and singer Jacqui Scott, in a pantomime with sets and costumes made in the workshops of the



Donald Sinden: Back to School

Packed with enchanting songs and boasting a witty performance by Denis Lawson of acrobatic brilliance, Vivian Ellis 's 1929 musical recasts Cinderella in the anyone-for-tennis age.

PÁCK OF LIES Lyric (437 3686) Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matinées Wed at 3pm. No port today

Hugh Whitemore's powerful study of a decent couple whose quiet suburban life is destroyed by a Kroger-style spy case. Judi Dench and Michael Williams find tragic performances in the most humdrum surroundings.

EXETER: Northcott (0392 54853).

Showboat by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II. No perf today. Boxing Day, Tues and Dec 31 at 8pm, Wed and Thurs at 7.30pm. Until Feb 4, in repertory with Metrikal by Bernard Goss (Boxing Day, Tues and Dec 31 at 2pm and 5pm, Y/ed and Thurs at 2.30pm, Fri at 2.30pm and 7.30pm) Ever-popular musical including such songs as "Cid Man River"

Goss's show is a new musical play tor children by the author of Big Noise at Fort Issimo. LIVERPOOL: Empire (051 709 1555/8699). Aladdin. Until Feb 11, Mon-Sat at 7pm; matinées on many days at 2.15pm Comedian Tom O'Connor heads

the cast of this family pantomime.

"Bill" and "Can't Help Loving That

Man." Jan Hartley stars. Bob

PETERBOROUGH: Key Theatre (0733 52439), Jack and the Esanstalk, Today at 1.30pm and 4.30pm. Boxing Day, Tues and Dec 31 at 1.30pm, 4.30pm and 7.30pm, Wed and Fri at 2.15pm and 7pm, Thurs at 4.30pm and 7.15pm. Until Jan 14, Mon-Sat at least two peris daily George Raymonde, Petra Sinlawski, in a traditional family pantomime.

RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES: Fichmend Theatre (940 0068). Dick Whittington by Roger Redfam. Until Feb 2, Mon-Set at 7.30pm; matinees Mon-Sat 2.30pm until Jan 7, then Tues, Thurs and Sat at 2.30pm Roy Hudd, June Whitfield, Hugh Joyd, Richard Murdoch, Honor Blackman, John Hanson.

SCARBOROUGH: Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round (0723) 70541). It Could Be Any One Of Us by Alan Ayckbourn. No perfitoday, Boxing Day or Tues. Wed-Fri at

PREVIEW Films Critics' choice

THE RIVALS
Olivier (328 2252)
Mon-Wed at 7.15pm matinée Wed at 2pm. in repertory with Jean Seberg by Marvin Hamilach, Christopher Adler, Julian Barry

Thurs and Fri at 7.15pm) (no perf

today)
Peter Wood's sparkling revival of
Sheridan fulfills the promise of its
cast list. Geraldine McEwan as a

young but hilarlously affected Mrs Malaprop, Sir Michael Hordern gouty and trascible, Patrick Ryecart

THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL Duke of York's (838 5122) Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinées Wed

First seen some months ago at the Haymarket, John Barton's

handsome and intelligent production returns for Christmas with, as before, Donald Sinden and Beryl Reid in their broadest comic

vein, plus some promising new recruits including Nicola Pagett.

This week Wed-Fri at 8pm only Soon to be seen on television in The Raj Quarter, Geraldine James and Charles Dance inhabit anothe

Indian setting in this thoughtful and

very funny play: a hili-station where a quarrelling documentary team is shooting a film about the happy life.

7.30pm, Dec 31 (final perf) at

2.30pm and 7.30pm Latest comedy-thriller by Ayckbourn has a different villian and ending each performance.

Zoe Wanamaker, Richard O'Callaghan, Joseph O'Conor, directed by Adrian Noble,

Julius Caesar. Wed at 7.30pm

Joseph O'Conor, Peter McEnery, David Schoffeld, Emrys James,

directed by Ron Daniels. Measure for Measure. Thurs and

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA, Southend: Palace (0702 42564). Jesus Christ Superstar by Andrew Lloyd

Webber and Tim Rice, Until Jan 21, Mon-Thurs and Set at 8pm, Fri

at 8.15pm; matinées Jan 11 and Jan 18 at 2.30pm

Christopher Dunham directs this

week of the life of Jesus Christ.

WORCESTER: Malvern Festival

Theatre (06845 3377). Toad of ... Toad Hall by A. A. Milne from the Kenneth Grehame book The Wind

n the Willows; music by H. Fraser Simson. Opens Boxing Day at 2.30pm and 7pm. Tues at 2.30pm and 7pm, Wed at 2.30pm, Thurs at 7pm, Fri at 2.30pm. Until Jan 7, Mon and Thurs-Sat at 7pm; matinees Mon, Tues and Sat at 2.30pm.

Malvern Theatre Players present a

new production of the fantasy with

first local production of the popular rock musical treatment of the final

Fri at 7.30pm Adrian Noble directs Daniel

Massey, Peggy Mount, David Schofield, Juliet Stevenson.

Howard Davies directs John Thaw, Richard Griffiths, Germa Jones,

Honry VIII. Tues at 7,30pm

Paul Greenwood.

STRATFORD: Royal Shakespeare (0789 285823). The Comedy of Errors. Boxing Day at 7,30pm, Wed at 1.30pm Paul Greenwood, Peter McEnery.

and Sat at 3pm

TURNING OVER

West End cinemas close for simas as follows. Tomorroy Gate Notting Hill. Today evening performance and tomorrow: Cinecents Leicester Square, Empire Leicester Square, Plaza Picoadilly Circus, Studio Oxford Circus, Today and tomorrow; Camden Plaza, Chelsea Cinema The Lumiere, Warner West End. The Lumers, warner week con-Today evening performance, tomorrow and Boxing Day: Odeons, Today, tomorrow and Boxing Day: ABC cinemes (except at Fulham Road and Shaftesbury Avenue, both open today),

Academy Cinemas, Classics, Filmcents Charing Cross Road, Tince Charles Leicester Source Scene Laicester Square, Sc. on the Green, Screen on the Hill, Timescenta Baker Street. Tomorrow and Boxing Day: Gate Bloomsbury, Gate Mayfair.

JAWS III D (PG)
ASC Bayswater (222 4149)
ABC Edgwara Road (723 5901)
ABC Fulham Road (370 2636) Classic Oxford Street (638 0310) Plaza Piccadilly Circus (437 1234) and on national release and on national release
A must for anyone still anxious to
get his teeth into a good
disaster/horror movie. The poor
old great white shark is once again
the villain of the place, this time pitting his wits end outsize laws against the well-meaning scientists running a kind of super underwater theme park in Florida. The implausible plot is redeemed by the use of a new 3-D technique.

THE JUNGLE BOOK (U)/ MICKEY'S CHRISTMAS CAROL (U)
Classic Chelsas (352 5096)
Odeon Kensington (502 5844)
Odeon Leicester Square (930 6111, ends today) and on national release. walt Disney's glorious cartoon treatment of Rudyard Kipling, made in 1967, with excellent jokes and songs, Also, Mickey Mouse's comeback film, derived from Charles Dickens, it is a measure of the potency of the characters created at the Disney studios that they can be put into dramatic roles just like other movie stars; and as with their human counterparts, their own star personalities modify

LIQUID SKY (18) Classic Cheises (352 5096) ICA Cinema (330 3647, closed

Unique and outrageous bland of punk musical, fashion show and science-fiction parody, filmed in New York by a group of Russian emigres clearly delighting in Western decadence. New Wave dignitary Anna Carlisle stars as the Manhattan beauty whose roof plays host to an allen visitor hooked on heroin. MARY POPPINS (U)

The Royal, Charing Cross Road (930 6915) Disney's famous musical about an Edwardian nanny with magical gifts; full of high spirits, johy songs and technical wizardry. Made in

1964, with Julie Andrews, David

Tominson, Glynis Johns, Dick Van



Jungle hero in tight squeeze

NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN (PG) ABC Bayswater (229 4149) ABC Edgware Road (723 5901) ABC Fulham Road (370 2635) ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (836 \$261) Classic Haymarket (839 1527) Classic Tottenham Court Road (636 6148)

Studio Oxford Circus (437 3300) Warner West End (439 0791) and on national release
"Never", Sean Connery used to
say when asked to play James
Bond again after relinquishing the role in 1971. Yat here he is - older, less jaunty, but still primed for action - trying to prevent the world's destruction in a renegade Bond adventure.

OLIVER TWIST (PG) OLIVER I WIS (I/Is) Classic Tottenham Court Road, (636 6148) matinées only A new version of the Charles Dickens novel, made with an eye on television. Unembitious direction by Clive Donner, but the character actors are hard at work: George C, Scott as Fagin, Michael Hordern as Mr Brownlow and Tim Curry as Bill Sikes.

A STAR IS BORN (U) Gate Notting Hill (221 0220/7270

The reconstructed version of Judy Garland's comeback vehicle - the familiar story of one star rising while another descends, directed in 1954 by George Cultor with due devotion to his star. The extra 28 minutes give us two new songs, tart background details and a running time of aimost three hours; lay persons might fidget, but Gariand fanatics should be well

TRADING PLACES (15) ABC Bayswater (229 4141) ABC Edgware Road (723 5901) ABC Fulham Road (370 2838) ABC Shaftesbury Avenue

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(437 1234)
A smug white pillar of Wall Street is
forced to swap fortunes with a resiliant black conman. John Landis's comedy avoids trenchant satire and tacks the rigorous wit of its Hollywood ancestors, but performances and details please. Viewed by a large audience bent on enjoyment, its success seems guaranteed. With Dan Aykroyd, Eddle Murphy, Ralph Bellamy, Don Ameche, Jamle Lee Curtis.

Programmes now change on Pricinys in channes throughout Britain. The Information the column was correct at the time of going in press. List changes are often made and it is advisable to check, using the telephone humbers there.

PREVIEW Music

Tues, Spm, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (828 8795, credit cards 638 8891) credit cards 535 5851) Stephen Hough, winner of the Naumberg, Terance Judd and BBC Young Musician awards, plays Grieg's Piano Concerto with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under James Blair, Also on the programme are Beathovaro's

Percy Grainger: Entertaining

Thurs, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hail, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (935 2141, credit cards 930 9232) The Hilland Ensamble's NORTHERN STRAUSS entertainment is drawn from sources as diverse as Henry VIII's Manuscript and the Yale Gibson, the Scottish National Songbook, Schubert, Warlock and Orchestra plays Strauss waltzes such as Morning Papers and 1001 Percy Grainger are also heard



Thurs, 7.30pm, Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031-228 1155/6) Conducted by Sir Alexasder

RIFKIN RAGS -Thurs, 8pm, Barbican Centre Best-selling Nonesuch LP-maker Joshua Riffkin plays Scott Joplin rags such as Maple Leaf, The Entertainer, Elite Syncopations, Wall Street, Gladiolas. STEBBING'S LYRICS Fri, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall The Endymion Ensemble gives the world premiere of Martin Stebbing's Lyrics. They also interpret Schubert's Octet D 803 and Mozart's Flute Quartet K 285. NEW WORLD NEW WORLD
Fri, 8pm, Bartican Centre
This time Norman del Mar conducts
the RPO at the Barbican. They
perform Dvořák's "New World"
Symphony, Tchaikovsky's Romeo
and Julief Overture, and John
Ogdon solos in Rachmaninov's
Piano Concerto No 2.

Nights, Strauss polkas like Feuerfest and Tritsch Tratsch,

Rock & Jazz

programme are Beethoven's Symphony No 5 and Handel's Royal Fireworks Music.

HILLIARD ENSEMBLE

Concerts

PAUL YOUNG Tonight, Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (748 4081) Undoubtedly one of the faces of the year, Young will probably be sad to see the last of 1983 and must already be wondering how to follow the enormous success of No

GEORGE MELLY Tonight and Mon to 3at, Romie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, ondon W1 (439 0747) A surrealist's vision of Bessia Smith reincarnated as a beatrik belle-lettriste, accompanied by the admirable John Chilton and his Feetwarmers.

THE POLICE Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat, Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Wembley, Middlesex (902 1234) What was good about "Every Breath You Take" was that, as the best example of pure-pop simplicity in years, it showed up the redundancy of the nonsense Sting. gets up to when he picks up Jung instead of putting on James Brown.

Wed, New Golden Lion, 490 Futhern Road, London SW6 (385 3942)

Opera

Christmas at the Royal Opera

comes put of retirement to be.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA

today until Wed, it reopens on Thurs with a characteristically

The Coliseum will be closed from

original entertainment, Janáček's

delightul man-in-the-moon fantasy. The Adventures of Mr Broucek,

Colonel Frank, and Doris Sofiel sings the first mezzo Onloisky of

performances this week: a matinee on Mon and a performance at 8.30pm on Dec 31. (240 1056)

Chistings at the ricyal Opera
House means Placido Domingo
conducting Die Fledermaus, Kiri te
Kanawa and Hermann Prey return
to the cast, Michael Langdon

COVENT GARDEN.

The New Golden Lion is one of London's better rock pubs, and should be packed for the former stars of TOTP and Supersonic. Les Gray's Eivis impersonation on "Lonely This Christmas" should be worth travelling to hear worth travelling to hear.

DAVID ESSEX Thurs/Frl, Royal Albert Hail, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (589 8212) Will that twinkling smile reach the stratospheric balconies along with the best ("Rock On") and worst ("A Winter's Tate") of his songs?

1984 ROCK WEEK From Thurs, ICA Theatre, Nash House, The Mall, London SW1 (930 0493) A predictable Onvellian theme manna in months to come for the Armegeddon fans of The Face and luminaries as Einsturnzende Neubaten, The Red Guitars and the highly-rated Billy Bragg, Ring for

ORCHESTRA JAZIRA Fri, 100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (636 0933) Widaly praised for their mutation of African high-life music, Orch Jaz enjoy the honour of being nominated as City Limits' favourite live band.

conducted by Charles Mackerras,

(836.3161). . . OPERA NORTH Just two performances over the Christmas-New Year season, both of the new Eugene Onegin, directed by Graham Vick with Jonathan Summers as Onegin and Elleen Hannan as Tatyana. Wed and Fri at the Grand, Leeds. MS29 459351 (0532 459351)

HANSEL AND GRETEL Christopher Fifield conducts and Christopher Renshaw directs a cast of young British opera singers in a new production, with Shella Steafel es the Witch. Bloomsbury Theatre, Mon-Sat until Jan 14...

Dance

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL Sadler's Wells (278 8916). Opens Thurs, until Jan 14; evenings (not Sun) at 7.30pm, matinees Sat at 2.30pm
The season opens with Coppelia.

Sherilyn Kennedy, Roland Price and John Auld lead the cast Thurs; on Fri, Karen Donovan makes her debut with Carl Myers and David Bintley, Four other programmes to

ROYAL BALLET Covent Garden (240 1966). Mon at 7,30pm, Tues at 2,30 and 7,30pm, Thurs at 8pm, Fri at 7,30pm,
Ashton's Cinderella has four
different casts this week, headed
by Marguerite Porter and Jay Jolley (his first, Mon), Wendy Ellis and Stephen Jefferies (Tues matinée), Jennifer Penney and David Wall (Tues eve), Lesley Collier and Anthony Dowell (Thurs), For audiences surjeited by seasonal fare, there is just one performance remaining of the new ballets by 'David Bindey and Richard Alston, together with MacMillan's Requiem

WAYNE SLEEP Dominion, Tottenham Court Road (580 9562). Evenings (not Sun) at 7.30pm, matinees Sat at 2.30pm Another light-hearted dance show — Dash, in town for a limited

THE GENEE BALLET East Grinstead, Adeline Genée Theatre (034287/532). Opens Mon until Jan 7, evenings (not Sun) at 7.30pm, matinées Wed and Set at

A small, struggling but hopeful company presents extracts from The Nutcracker and Coppelia and a Gershwin ballet made for them.

Theatre: Irving Wardle and Anthony Masters: Galleries: John Russell Taylor: Photography: Michael Young: Filmst Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison: Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams: Opera: Hilary Floch: ... Dance: John Percival

PREVIEW Galleries

Unless otherwise stated, galleries are closed today, tomorrow, Boxing Day and Jan 1

PHILIP GARNER Boilerhouse, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (581 5273). Until Jan 5, Mon-Thurs and Set 10am-5.30pm, The American artist and author of The Better Living Catalogue and

Utopia is in London for three weeks to exhibit his absurd inventions, Including a Cap-for-Two and a Munch-o-matic sandwich holder for the busy typist. Mr Garner is also nd new products from objects found around London.

LIGHT DIMENSIONS Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (589 3456). Until Mar 4, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2.30-6cm Exhibition on the evolution of holography, the creation by laser of three-dimensional images which enables objects to float in space. It was Invented 36 years ago by Denis Gabor but only now is its potential starting to be realized. As

well as having important

commercial and industrial

applications, it may be said to constitute a new art form. The Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (821 1313). Until Jan 22, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-8pm (closed to Wed and Jan 1) This exhibition celebrating the artist's eightieth birthday is the largest of his work ever incunted and shows his development through his watercolours of the British countryside, early abstract paintings and excursions into other media, such as the stained glass for Coventry Cathedral.

ISLAMIC ART AND DESIGN 1500-1700 Special Exhibitions Gallery, British Museum, London WC1 (638 1555). Until Feb 19, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2,30-6pm An exhibition of the great achievements of Islamic art produced under the Ottomans in Moguls in India. All three empires shared a common taste for hardstones, textiles, pottery,

calligraphy and fine arms. **REG BUTLER (1913-1981)** the Tate Gallery, Millbenk, London SW1 (821 1313).

PILGRIMAGES Henry Cole Wing, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (589 6371). Until Feb 26, Mon-Thurs 10am-5.30pm, Sun

Marketa Luskacova's photographs of the people of remote easiem Siovakia between 1967 and 1974 began as a document of their religious festivals but developed into an intimate journal of the way of life of an ancient upland village. The black and white prints offer an extraordinary insight into the religion experience of a peasant people whisked into the twentieth century. Also on show are some recently donated Paul Strand photographs, which although tiny in size are grand in vision. They include a little-known portrait of Altred Stieglitz, Six newly acquired Cartier Bresson photographs, the

Sun 2-5pm (closed to Wed and on Jan 1) This memorial exhibition, the first includes more than 100 sculptures and drawings. After a late start his work developed considerably, from the stripped black iron figures of the late 1940s to the fully rounded bronze temale nudes with real hair completed in the 1970s and now exhibited together for the first time

RAOUL DUFY Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3144), Until Feb 5, Mon-Wed 10am-8pm, Thurs-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun noon-8pm Running concurrently with the exhibition of Hockney photographs is the largest survey of Dufy's art ever staged. The radiant and

optimistic painter of yachts, regattas, racecourse scenes and harvests is represented by several paintings not seen before in commissioned by Guy Welsweiller for his villa at Antibes are being given their first public display

THE GENIUS OF VENICE Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 9052). Until Mar 11, daily 10am-6pm (closed today and tomorrow only) The sixteenth century was the most glorious epoch for Venetian art. glorious epoch for Venetian art. Carpaccio's painting "The Lion of St Mark" symbolizes Venetian power and introduces an exhibition of 300 masterpieces drawn from collections thoughout the world. and including the recently restored "Judgment of Solomon" painted by Giorgione or Sebastiano del

Piombo, or the two together. POLITE SOCIETY BY ARTHUR National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (930 1552). Until Jan 29, Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm Arthur Devis painted portraits of the English country gentleman and his family grouped informally in the drawing room or set against the backdrop of the family estate. His gentle "conversation pieces" contain meticulously observed detail and reflect the contemporary preoccupation with the social graces in the eighteenth century. Also (until Jan 8) pictures by William Dobson, the leading

British-born portrait painter of the

most recent of which was taken in 1982, can also be seen. Photography KENNEDY: A TIME REMEMBERED Olivier Gallery, National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (928 2033). Until Jan 21, Mon-Sat 10am-11pm (closed today, 10am-11pm (closed today, tomorrow and Jan 1) Jacques Lowe was John F. Kennedy's official and personal

photographer for several years, during which time he amassed over 40,000 pictures of the president HOCKNEY'S PHOTOGRAPHS Hizyward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (928 5708). Until Fab 5, Mon-Wed 10am-8pm, Thurs-Set 10am-6am, Sun noon-6am Audacious, arrogant but wonderful composite colour constructions that seem to sprawl over acres of wall space. David Hockney expands the limit of traditional photography. Portraits, landscapes and intimate glimpses of the artist's friends and family.

The Times Jumbo Crossword

Prizes of £50 will be given for the first three correct solutions opened on Tuesday, January 3, 1984. Entries should be addressed to The Times Jumbo Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London, WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, January 7,

ACROSS

Report of an early post-Christmas expedition in Bohemia (4,3,7,5,4,4).
Tempts whole of America, round about (7). Catalogue that is including this publication

perhaps (7). A diamond for instance to help him make light of his work? (5-6).
It could be eg cheaper to give losers a second chance (9). Old-time delicacies after bad cooking one

renounces (9).

For an actress the part is genuine, in taking the lead (7). Turned out The Pirate appears in text changed by editor (11). How to beat Bill, tense when receiving many a severe blow (4,3).

Outlaw appears to reach the end of it (7). Abode of the dead, or headless ghosts (5).
A grim horse destroyed the sacred symbols 25 27 Note the centre of our system (3).

Colourful article on field-work (5). "April is the — month" (Eliot) (9).
Oriental king of Rome in public is subject

14 to excessive strain (9). Sapper has one performing as source of

Revelation early in Genesis? (13). In France where salt is needed to get the An examining body embarked (6). Liverpudlian that is to say Yorkshire river

A minor prize? (5). From former schooldays I race to utter destruction (13). Gangster has cowl fitted to chimney up

Religious examination, this, Mecca variety 39 50 The one that was bound to work? (4-5).

Man of degree, so sort of English! (5).
Artist's cape for an Abyssinian prince (3). Do we never never stop making them? (10). Novel caller (5).

Mungojerrie was a cat about to commit a felony (7). Quickest way to get me back to Neoal 60 perhaps? (7). Everyone, say, coming to California, grabbing gold, one description of Pilgrim's Progress (11).

Family accepts about £1,000 returned by Russian government (7). 54
Meditating no longer, dear? (9).
Dispossessing of record held in motoring 57 Make professional member sign article on introduction (11)

Fifty buried in eastern snow-track, the letter reads (7). Hope's place. Appendices show how to make it from Z (7). Short fellow's wooing, narrated by a long one (3.9.2.5.8).

American's grouse resulting from egg served with sauce? (7,7). Girl and I have narcotic form of turpentine

A court is troubled about nothing very wicked (9). Died swallowing tropical tubers the wrong way - most upset (8).

Work by Dickens or Hardy on tobacco Great character Joan, for instance, as a poet (9.4).

Note about terrible din made by soldier in Consé taken rather than given (6.5). Eschewing Mammon? My goodness! (13). Notice among these perhaps an intercom

As a kind of knight one hops possibly higher than others (11). "Grey? Not us" perhaps says one such (9). Overcome, beheaded and devoured (5). That of J S Bach will immediately follow

Orwell's famous work (12). In limits of directive end is uncertain (13). Cheat with a Dover-Calais return ticket?

Hailed? That is in some degree tedious (7). In parts, contrariwise, abstainer is one creating trust (7). Stalky's coleopterous friend (6). Cricket side draw? Just kidding (3-4). A tree's about right cover for us in cold-Nice distinctions - troublesome things

one's abandoned (7). Comply with receiving order given to Fido, seen in round figures (7).
In among friends in French city (6). Device can perhaps help chap go near seeing how the brain works (14). 41 Othello's cannibals (13).

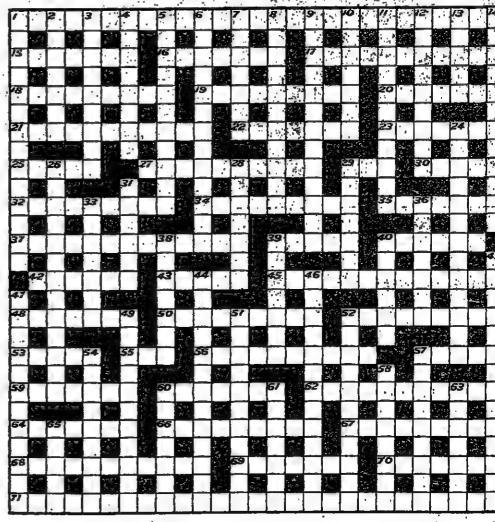
Moody way of painting - crazy (13).

Dread summons at the Admiral Benbow dangerous place (3,5,4). Dramatist John and author George almost have a battle (7,4). Master Pooter Latinized by Jules Verne

For Tweedles Dum and Dee it was bolsters, blankets, coal-scuttles, etc. (11). Spanish gentleman visitor embraces Jack with love (9). Adam's apple from this tree (Milton) (9). Growth of establishment of battery hens?

Teams have quarters round the loch (7). Smile wryly about Italian form of government (7). An itch one treated with wine (7). 63 Call up the previous day about approval

Name



Concise Jumbo Crossword

Solution in Tuesday's paper, no prize

"Wobbles" Revolutionary Union federation (10,7,2,3,5) 15 Latent (7)
16 Origin (7)
17 Hunter's hat (11)
18 Docker (9)
19 Beneficial enlivener (4,5) Beneficial enlivener (4.5)
Badly brought up (3.4)
Jewish New Year (4.7)
Change resister (7)
Horse hindquarters (5)
Religious emissary (10)
45 inches (3)
Outstanding (5)
Habitually drunk (9)
History resolute (9) Firmly resolute (9)
Justifications (7) Mislaid on journey (4,2,7) Very steep (5)
Flight of steps (6)
Nasal exhalation (43 Indispensable (5) 45 Extremely proper (9,4) 48 Discharged (7) 48 Discharged (7)
50 Leg-splitting high jumper (9)
52 Bleakness (9)
53 Assumed name (5)
55 Automobile (3)
56 Beach flea (10)
57 With radiating paths (5)
59 Wash thoroughly (7)
60 Grow towerher (7) Grow together (7) 62 Perform as group (3,2,6) 64 Vehicle movement (7)

66 Safe from extreme cold (5.4)

ACROSS

67 Not admirable (9) 68 Give up expectation 69 Sobbed without rest Give up expectation (7.4) Sobbed without restraint (7) 70 Become aware (3.4) 71 Oscar Wilde play on names (3,10,2,5,7) DOWN

DOWN
1 Very durable (14)
2 Makes gloomy (7)
3 Star vehicle (5,4)
4 Pointing backwards (8)
5 Taken as a body (11)
6 Driaking vessels content
7 Act in reply (7)
8 Relieve hurt (4,3,4)
9 Seated gristence (9,4) 9 Scated existence (9,4)
10 Swindled (7)
11 Medical institution worker (11)
12 Feeble people (9)
13 Ash scraper (5) 14 Extreme anguish (4,8) 24 Aptly (13)

28 Of planet circle (7) 29 Satiate (7) 31 Shake noisily (6) 33 Clothing (7) 36 Component checker (7) 38 Counsellor (7) 39 Cunning procedure (7) 40 Begin journey (3,3) 41 Next Republican leader (9,5) 41 Next Republican leader (9
44 Dancer (13)
46 Unique (13)
47 Refractory (12)
49 Diminuendo (11)
51 Main meal board (6,5)
52 Large load (5,6)
54 Cäin or Abel (3,2,4)
57 Restorer (9)
58 Corresponding thing (8)
69 Deliberate insult (7)
61 Head pad (7)
63 Blissful (7)
65 Cognizant (5)

65 Cognizant (5)

Too easily offended (4,9)

SOLUTION TO No 226 (Last Saturday's prize concise). ACROSS: 1 Dates 4 Set back 8 Coypu 9 Topical 10 Metaphor 11 Gene 13 Afoot 15 Satyr 19 Runt 20 Grand mai 23 Analogy 24 Vegan 25 Hardpad

DOWN: 1 Decamp 2 Tryst 3 Sculptor 4 Sitcom 5 Tape 6 Alchemy 7 Killer 12 Carnival 14 Funfair 16 Breath 17 Frayed 18 Planet 21 Magma 22 Loop Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise

The winners of the prize concise No 226 are: Mr C. P. Metcaife, 17 Elm Road, Redhill, Surrey, and Mrs T. P. Bowis, 50 Harrington Road, Brighton, 'East Sussex.

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SOLUTION TO No 231
ACROSS: 1 Drawing 5 Names 8 Rho 9 Silesia 10 Lists 11 Stir 12 Precise 14 Princess Royal 16 Roguish 18 Swap 21 Tenon 22 Require 23 Aid 24 Dwell 25 Epigeal
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up clothes and props and repair to

another part of the house. The children have to illustrate a carol,

Christmas story, well-known play, song or book in a single tableau.

with absolutely no talking or movement allowed once the stage

Cassell: "The performers have to

attitude in which they place themselves, and by their countenances, the tale they have to tell". It is a real test of stamina as

the children must remain static until the audience has recognized the

can provoke the kind of lump in the

throat you feel when you hear angelic choirboys in sonic flight and have to pinch yourself to remember they are really horrid little brats.

My family and close friends still

rate this the most popular mood-lifter, guaranteed to raise a laugh

among the grumpiest. Everyone is given a piece of paper, longer than

it is wide, at the top of which they write a man's name (it can be a

character or even a male animal);

the paper is then folded down to

hide the name and the paper passed to the person on the left. A female's name is then written,

paper folded and passed on: then

where they met; what he said to her; what she said to him; what he

gave her; what she gave him; what

world said. After the last entry the

neighbour and each player takes it in turn to read his out, keeping it folded until the last minute.

folded paper is passed to your

friend, famous personality, fictional

scene. Well done, the spectacle

Consequences

has been set. To quote from

rather than speaking their thoughts; proclaiming by the

remain perfectly silent, looking

Not-so-decorous fun and games in the parlour

Treasures from the Christmas story

The Christmas crib, with its India attracted between 3,000 little figures of the Holy Family, and 4,000 visitors; in 1642 a the ox and ass, the shepherds Jesuit father erected the first and kings, nowadays takes an crib in Canada for the Indian honoured place amongst the tribes, Christmas decorations at infant schools and parish churches. It derives from a centuries-old tradition and the little figures that in former times delighted adults and children alike have become valuable antiques.

seek out enough eighteenthcentury figures to put together a ... crib of their own. Alternatively the finely carved or moulded sculpture in their own right.

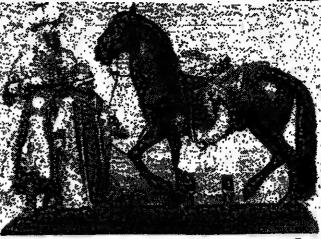
The first three-dimensional readering of the nativity, made described by one of these and ask Maria Maggiore in Rome in 1291. The church had a special association with the scene since

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The late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, however. saw the real flowering of the Christmas crib and it is from this period that cribs and crib figures are easily available to collectors today, though prices With patience collectors may in this, as in other fields, are moving rapidly upwards.

The geographic spread of crib building is a curiosity. There is no long tradition in England or figures can be displayed as Ireland and in France the tradition is limited to Provence. However crib building began and flourished in Italy, particu-larly in Naples and Sicily, From up of separate stone figures, was larly in Naples and Sicily. From that erected by Arnolfo di there it was enthusiastically Cambio in the church of Santa, taken up in Austria, the Tyrol, Southern Germany and Poland. Northern Europe otherwise remained untouched but it was its most treasured relic was a taken up in Spain and Portugal



Neapolitan nativity: Group from an eighteenth-century crib

splinter from the crib (later and exported from there to demonstrated to be a fake). South America. But the history of cribs as a popular art form, rather than as church sculpture, is generally traced back to St. Francis of Assiși. In 1223 he erected a special manger for Christmas, complete with real hay and live animals. It was to remind him of the reality of the Christmas story. There were no figures of the Holy Family in this "crib", but as they celebrated Christ-mas in the stable, fellow-monk Giovanni Vellita had a vision of the Christ child in St Francis's

St Francis explained his purpose in these words: "I want to see it as it was, with my own eyes, a child sleeping on the hay in a manager, between an ox and an ass." And it is in this spirit that cribs have been built ever since.

To underline the reality for the illiterate believer the figures were dressed in contemporary fashions while numerous genre features were added: markets. shops, farms and villages

peopled with realistic figures. References to Christmas cribs begin to appear in Italian and German literature in the sixteenth century. They were used by Franciscan and Jesuit missionaries and rapidly achieved an extraordinary geo-

Christmas crib at Lahore in

Neapolitan cribs whose golden era ran from around 1720 to 1790 are the most famous and the most abundantly available. Charles III, the

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Bourbon king of Naples, was an enthusiast and the inaugration of his enormous presepio (or crib) on Christmas eve was an important court function. It was a theatrical scene with mountains, villages, markets and several thousand figures in all. Eighteenth century Neapolitan crib figures are sold

regularly by Sotheby's and Christie's. The head is normally painted terracotta and there are wooden hands and feet; the standard of modelling and carving and the life-like effects achieved are extraordinary. The bodies are generally built on a wire frame wrapped securely with straw or cloth. Finally, the figures are dressed in traditional peasant costume or the latest court fashions, according to

their role. Until Christie's sold the figures from an exceptionally fine crib in April 1982, prices had generally run in the £30 to £100 bracket for an individual figure; now it tends to be nearer £200-£300 for a really attractive piece, but a search around graphic spread. In 1595 the antique shops should uncover a

Jesuits are recorded as making a few examples at the old prices. Geraldine Norman



remission; if he falls he collects a designed with children in mind, all but the most staid of adults can forfeit. At the end of the questioning if he has quessed There is a wonderful quotation in Cassell's Complete Book of Sports and Pastimes (1896) which I will, tongue only slightly in cheek, pass on:

"A long time ago it was observed of the English as a race that

"By the second had been second be

they took their pleasures sadly; but we will hope that henceforth the observation may be applicable to past generations only, and

when they play they work they will work they will work after some consultation of which after some consultation that our readers at any rate will resolve that when they play they will play heartily; just as when they work they will work and preparation (dressing up encouraged) acts out syllable by syllable or word by word, a proverb, story title, song, carol etc, finally re-enacting the whole. If the other team guesses the subject, they score a point in Victorian they score a point. In Victorian times it was usual for players to speak during the action, each "scene" a mini play in which the relevant word was mentioned at least once. With the advent of Give us a Clue on television, miming has become more fashionable, but using words can still be great fun to watch, particularly when young children are acting.

Murder

An intense young student of sociology once bored me almost to death at a party with his explanation of the psychological implications of this game. It had, he said, to do with pubescent sexuality, innate guilt and a latent death wish. Take as many cards from a pack as there are players. Including a single ace and a single jack, Shuffle and deal. The player drawing the ace is the detective, drawing the jack, the murderer. The detective stays put in a lighted room while all the other lights in the house are turned out. Then the

in the dark the murderer selects his victim and, stealing up behing him, puts his hands round the victim's neck (or with very young children or any one with a heart complaint, taps three times on his shoulder) and whispers in the victim's ear "I'm Jack: you're dead", The victim must not utter a sound, but waits for a silent count of 10 then screams and falls in a heap. All players must stand exactly as they were when the scream was heard while the detective goes round the house putting on lights and taking notes of people's whereabouts. Everyone, including the victim, then returns to the station and the detective begins his questioning, indirectly trying to discover the murderer's identity (how long had you been in the room, who was with you? and so on). All must tell the truth except the murderer, who can lie his head off. When the detective is sure he knows who the murderer is, he accuses him. If he's right the murderer must now fess. If not, he goes free.

Winking

An ideal game for flirtatious males and females from seven to 70. Make a circle with chairs, all facing inward (kitchen or dining room chairs are best). Place a male behind each chair and a female on. all but one. The males may let their hands rest on the backs of the chairs, but not (officially) on any part of the female. The object of the game is for the man or boy behind the empty chair to acquire a girl or woman and for all the other men to prevent him from succeeding. The solitary male winks at one of the females who must then try and leave her chair to ioin him while her partner tries to prevent her, (I don't harder thes to prevent her. If conficence what the earnest young sociologist would make of this game). She can only leave her chair if her partner's hands are not on her shoulders, if she succeeds in escaping, the abandoned partner becomes the winker. The art of the game fies in the single male's ability to wink so slightly as to not be noticed by the other men, or to take the possessive males by surprise by using distracting tactics. When all the females have had their share of winking, roles are reversed.

Rig up some sheets as a backcloth. Give the children plenty of dressing

Holiday outings

Tableaux vivants

BARBICAN HOLIDAY EVENTS

Tues at 12.15pm, 1pm and 1.30pm. Demonstration of hand-bell ringing by a group from Texas on Wed. 5.30pm-7.30pm. Special children's concert of Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf and Howard Blake's The Snowman, with Bernard Cribbins as narrator (tickets £3).

National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 (730 0717). Tues to Dec 31, Jan 2-15, Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2pm-5.30pm, Free Prizes will be awarded for the best

GEOLOGICAL EVENTS Geological Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (589 3444). Wed to Dec 31 et 2.30pm, Free Thurs, a demonstration and talk for eight - 12-year-olds; on Fri, a talk on the Grand Canyon; on Dec 31, "Ask a Geologist" - what he is.

MEET THE ARTIST National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (839 3321). Wed, Thurs, Fri and Jan 3-6 at 2.30pm. Free A performance for children given

many working models, including Stephenson's Rocket and a West Ham tram, Austin 7. HORNIMAN CLUB:

At the Homiman club for children of

THE WEEK AHEAD Brief Encounter, with Ian Holm and Cheryl Campbell (Thurs 3.20): runners include Silver Buck, twice and Patricia Routledge (Thurs 8pm); and Design For Living, with Anna Massey (Fri 8pm).

Wednesday

LONDON'S PRIDE: The first of two programmes on the long and extraordinarily. varied career of the popular entertainer Stanley Holloway, who died in January 1982 at the age of 91. His most famous role was probably Alfred Doolttle in My Fair Lady, but he was also a star of the Ealing comedes, Shakespearean actor and master of the comic monologue. BBC1, 3:0-4.20pm. The second programme. Wiv a Little Bit o' Luck, is at the same

time tomorrow. CONVERSATIONS WITH DOMINGO: Placido Domingo, the great Spanish tenor, talks about his career to Daniel Snowman (who is writing a book about him) in the first of two

programmes. Radio 4, 10.30-11pm. Thursday

PADDY IN HIS WELLIES: Jokes about the Insh are not a creation of the Two Ronnies but go back 800 years or more. Why the Irish in particular should be such a consistent butt for humour is examined by Denys Hawthorne. Radio 4, noon-12.30pm

OPERA ON FILM: Paul
Czinner's film of Strauss's
Der Rosenkavalier, (loday
and Jan 2) starring Elisabeth
Schwarzkopf, opens a short
season of four films, with Dr
Schwarzkopf discussing lonight's screening during the interval. To screening during the interval. To follow are Joseph Losey's version of Mozart's Don Glovanni (tomorrow and Jan 1): Verdi's Otello, conducted by Herbert von Karajan (Jan 3); and a Soviet him of Mozarathia Mozarathia Mussorgsky's Khovanshchina, conducted by Yevgeny Svetlanov. Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1

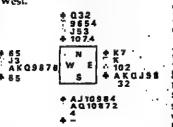
Friday

(01-928 3191) at 6pm. Tickets

WATERS OF THE MOON: New television production of N.C. Hunter's play about the disruption of the quiet Christmas routine of a Devon hotel by a rich family from London who arrive suddenly when their Rolls-Royce breaks down and are marrioned by a spowdrift. are marooned by a snowdrift. Penelopo Keith leads the interlapers and Virginia McKenna is the wdow who refuses to fall under their spell. BBC1. 9-10.40pm.

Hair-raising opportunity for blood and thunder

the huge swings and enormous penalties they invariably entail. For a variety of reasons, I seldom write about them. But this week is dedicated to the blood and thunder merchants." Both the hands I shall describe occurred at high stake rubber bridge, which provides an extra piquancy for those who prefer champagne to match points. Rubber Bridge, Love all. Dealer



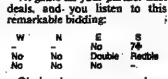
South was my friend Alfred Huberman, who as a rear-gunner in the last war is accustomed to these hair-raising \$\frac{4}{2}\frac{155}{2}\$ situations. Showing me his \$\frac{7}{2}\frac{874}{42}\$ hand and giving me the bidding \$\frac{4}{4}\frac{2}{2}\$ so far, he asked what I would do at that point. Sensing that if I doubled the opening lead would prove critical, I opted for six hearts where I would be-

Characteristically, Huberman elected to double five no trumps and lead the Ace of hearts. He ensured that North took the fourth round of hearts and the spade switch enabled the defence to take the first 12 tricks. 1,900 to North-South.

"Never mind, Jeremy". Huberman said affably, you would have made six hearts. provided North doesn't give you preference, or worse, East saves in seven clubs, which would have yielded a mere

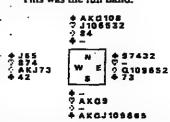
present as a lead problem. As West, you hold:

At game all your partner East



Obviously 20 anxious moment. Partner, who has passed, is asking you to find an unusual lead. Presumably he

Although it is close to a guess, you should just prefer a heart. Declarer may be taking a gamble with a side suit that is not solid. Alternatively his side suit may be solid. Your possession of the #J is inconsistent with the latter, so you lead a heart which much to your relief your partner ruffs.



What did West lead in real life? The King of Diamonds. And why did I enjoy this hand more than the first? I was

• The English Bridge Union Diary, price £1.95, obtainable from the EBU. 15B High Street, Thame, Oxfordshire, OX9 2BL. contains dates of forthcoming important events, an explanation of the master points scheme and some useful guidelines on the decisions of the

Diary is compiled and distributed by Mrs Rhoda Lederer, 5 Ellis Avenue, Chalfont St Peter. Buckinghamshire, SL9 9UA, in a variety of colours, price £2 (£1.90 without pencil). It contains a valuable summary of the Acol system as well as much useful bridge information.

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anyone knowing it; act the

the games themselves and in forfeits.

Forfeits

The best forfells are often those

tailored to suit, or rather not to suit the victim. The Victorians compiled hundreds of them.

including the following. I leave it to you to work out how they are

performed and or to modernize

them: Kneel to the wittiest, bow to the kies the one you to

prettiest and kiss the one you love best; put one hand where the other

damini to do in the sand bring him down with a feather; blow a candle out blindfold; kiss your own shadow; form a blind judgement;

another, cry in another and dance

in another; leave the room with two legs and return with six; ask a

cannot possibly be answered in the

negative; put yourself through the keyhole/letterbox; sit upon the fire;

kiss the one you love best without

lestion the answer to which

lauch in one comer, sing in

cannot touch it; take one of your

invented on the spur of the moment

enjoy them too. Especially when the port has been passed.

dummy/parrot; shake a sixpence off your forehead; show the spirit of contrary (do the opposite of what you are told); make a perfect man/woman/child; give good advice; the natural historian (Imitate whatever animals are mentioned); "Twas I (answer to every remark such as "today I saw the illiest/fattest/most absurd . . . "); spell a long word backwards:

Dumb crambo

A Victorian variation of a very old game (Pepys wrote about crambos, or rhymes). One team leaves the room, an opposing team chooses a

returns and all its players mime the word they think may have been chosen. (If, for example, they have been given the word "tell", they might mime "sell".) If they guess right, the watching team claps; if wrong they are hissed and must leave the room, think of another word, return and go through the same process; and so on until they succeed. Clapping and hissing are the only communication allowed between the teams; no one must speak. Each failure to guess the right word is noted and at the end of the game, when the two sides have swapped roles, the team with Person and object

word. One of the players inside

chosen one. The team outside

then goes out and gives the other side a word which rhymes with the

Two people leave the room together and decide on a person one of them shall represent, and an associated object, the other. In my Victorian book of parlour games Mr Gladstone and his axe and Lord Beaconsfield and his curl are given as examples: today Mr Foot and his overcoat, Alex Higgins and his cue or Daddy and his copy of The Times might be more appropriate.

On returning to the room, the players address questions first to the person, then to the object. Each must answer truthfully but only about himself or herself, giving no cive to the other's identity, unti both are discovered.

The stool of repentance

"prisoner" sither volunteers or is from a pack. He leaves the room (no listening at the door) and the the highest card) what charges they wish to level at the prisoner: "She's prettier than I", etc. The prosecutor writes down the charges with the names of the accusers beside them. The chair in front of the other players "Prisoner at the Bar you are

A typical Victorian parlour game which relies largely on knowing what the others think of you. A chosen by drawing the lowest card remaining players are asked to tell the prosecutor (the player drawing "He's better than I am at football", "He takes an hour to get dressed" prisoner is brought in and sits on a charged with . . . Who makes the accusation?" If the prisoner guesses correctly, he earns one

Barbican Centre, Slik Street, London EC2 (638 5403). Tues, Thurs and Fri Free Punch and Judy shows on

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sign, based on museum exhibits (age limit 18 years).

by a "reincarnation" of Holbein in his studio. Queue for tickets 30 minutes before each performance, preference given to eight - 11-

MECCANO SHOW London Transport Museum, The Flower Market, Covent Garden, London WC2 (379 6344). Tues to Jan 2, 10am-6pm (last admission 5.15pm). Adults £1.80, children 90p Special Meccano exhibition with

Homiman Museum, Forest Hill, London SE23 (699 1872). Wed to Dec 31, Jan 3-7, 10.30am-1.30pm.

eight and over, a selection of art and craft activities based on the museum's collection. Tickets to first 20 children through.

Botticelli This is really a game for adults or very well-read children, beloved by all those who fancy themselves as untried Mastermind or University Challenge contestants, it can prove disastrous if you pretend to an erudition you do not possess or take the game too seriously. One player declares to the rest that his initials are, for example, W.G. in turn, each player then asks his questions about someone bearing the guestion the better. So for example, one might say: "Were you 189 not out for Single v Married of England?" If the player being questioned does not answer "No, I am not W.G.Grace" the questioner is entitled to a free question. These consist of questions such as: Are you alive or dead? Fact or fiction? Male or female? AD or BC?. progressing to more particular enquiries such as: Are you of royal blood, connected with the Arts? and so on. Once the person the questioner was thinking of has been ruled out by the answer to a free question, ha must think of were planning to ask W.G. "Did your sadistic young characters hunt The Beast?" and you discovered as the result of a free

question that W.G. was born before 1800, you would have to think

again. Once you feel sure of W.G. 's identity you may ask him directly if he is such and such a person. If

wrong, you lose a turn, if right, you

become the next candidate for

Armed with The Shorter Oxford

Dictionary (in extremis lesser

volumes will do), the question

word, as for example "of,

master reads out the definition of a

pertaining to, or of the nature of a

quicksand" and one or all of the

so defined (in this case, as you all

know, "syrtic"). The advantage of choosing a different definition for

each person is that you can gear each to the individual's age and in

vocabulary and the children's and

knock spots off know-it-alls. As a

the players to chose the correct

Hands up (otherwise

known as Up, Jenkins)

Two teams sit on opposite sides of

a table. One team passes a coin under the table until the other team

orders "Hands up" or "Up. Jenkins", when all hands, clenched

as fists, must be held a few inches above the table. At the command

Jenkins", hands are slapped flat on

the table, palms down. One of the

opposing team then has to decide which player has the coin, When he has decided, he calls "Hands

open" or "Tip it" to the suspected

person, if right, he scores a point, if wrong he can continue ordering hands open to find the coin, or

forteit. To complicate the game, the

inquisitive team may order "Hands

before making a final guess. When this command is given, all hands in the team with the coin must

advance a few inches across the

table in a crab-like movement, the

object being to see or hear the

forward" or "Creepy crawlies"

"Hands down" or "Down,

definition. The person with the

highest number of correct definitions wins.

riation you can read out several definitions, then give the word

the process improve your own

players has to write down the word

auestioning.

Definitions

Shadow Buff Played with great relish by Victorian families. You need a big room, bright lamp, white sheet, low stool or chair and props - false noses, hats, pipes, wigs. Fix the largest white sheet you can find across one end of the room; place a table a few feet in front of it on which you centre a bright lamp (turn all other lights out); put the and sheet, but nearer the sheet; let the judge, or guest of honour sit on the chair facing the sheet. Now the pass befund the chair so that your shadows fall on the sheet. The judge must decide who is who - far harder than you'd think.

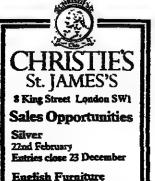
Chess

Scrooge's dickens of a dream

again. Perhaps the gruel he had had for supper was too rich - or else it was because of the disagreeable day he had had. For some reason or other, people seemed to take him for a philanthropist of the foolish order of the brothers Cheeryble, the idiots who had invested in gilt-edged stock and then returned interest plus capital appreciation to the government, saying that its need was greater

than theirs. it was all the fault of that popular novelist who, some seven years ago, had published a piece dripping with sentimental pathos entitled A Christmas Carol purporting to describe the change of character brought about by nocturnal visitations.

What the dickens was the writer's name? Charles something or other. Trollope? That



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At all events, ever since that

accursed Carol, there had been a succession of mendicants, charitable institutions and the like applying to him for help. Today, for instance, on arriving at his counting-house in the City, he had found a certain Howard Staunton, a literary chessmaster who made a precarious living from chess and writing about Shakespeare.

subscriptions towards an international chess tournament to be held in London in 1851. Whoever heard of such a

ridiculous idea? He had just received a donation of one shilling from Bob Cratchit; but he. Ebenezer, was not quite such a fool. As for Bob Cratchit. if he could afford to contribute fifteenth of his wages, then in future a shilling would be deducted from his weekly wages in the hope he would make appropriate use of the remaining 14 shillings.

But now he was dreaming again, and the ghost of Christmas Yet to Come was talking to him about London, 1851. 'It's a wonderful occasion

with great players from all over Europe. Players from Austria. France, Germany, Hungary and all the leading British players. There was even going to be a player from Russia - Maior Jaenisch - but he will come too late for the tournament."

"In fact", and here the spectre took on a rather ominous red shade, "the Russians, powerful players though they were, are, and will be, were not exactly noted for their reliability. For example, in the year 1983, you will find them instructing two of their grandmasters, Psakhis and Beljavsky, that they are going to play at Hastings and then, only a few weeks before the tournament, informing the Hastings organizers indirectly that no players the final where he was beaten by

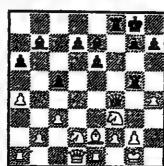
are to be sent them. "Many fine games are being For those who have not played at London, 1851. In Ebenezer's skill I shall give the particular one between the continuation of the game next Hungarian, Szcn, and the week. German, Adolf Anderssen. Here is the game."

It was Christmas Eve, 1850, and did not sound right. Thackeray White, Szen, Black, Anders-Ebenezer Scrooge was dreaming perhaps? Yes, that seemed more sen, Sicilian Defeace perhaps? Yes, that seemed more likely.

White, Szen, Black sen, Sicilian Defence.

> "Reculer pour mieux sauter" said the ghost, translating for Ebenezer's benefit, "stepping back in order to jump the better"; but Scrooge, who had been a good player in his youth. wondered why White did not play 11 P-Q4 instead of wasting He was, it seems, asking for so much time with his QN.

P-QNG 12 P-B3 C-B2 14 P-Q4 QR-KB1 16 P2P QxB 18 R-K1 R-N4 20 K-B1 N-R7 ch 22 K-N1



"Here", said the vision, becoming more shadowy and indistinct, "Anderssen played a combination mated White after another 9 moves. He played . . . " and then the figure disappeared. Ebenezer awoke and found himself

staring at the wall. Can you work out what was played? Ebenezer, who had been a strong player in his youth when he invented the saying "Look after the pawns and the King will take care of itself", did in fact manage to do so and was so happy at discovering a sort of second youth that he gave quite a lot of money towards the event, in which he played under the unlikely alias of Marmaduke Wyvill MP. He got as far as

Anderssen.

Harry Golombek

Today

LONDON TOURIST INFORMATION: The London Tourist Board's information services are operating today at Victoria, Harrods and Heathrow; and on Boxing Day at Victoria, Heathrow and the special telephone line 01-730 3488. There is also a "What's On" recorded Information service 24 hours a day on 01-246 8041

KING'S COLLEGE CAROLS: The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols opens with Once in Royal David's City, includes the specially commissioned When Thou Wast Born in Wintertime, composed by Sir Lennox Berkeley to words by Betty Askwith, and ends with Hark! The Herald Angels Sing King's College, Cambridge, at 3pm. The service is being broadcast live on Radio 4.

CINDERELLA: Lionel Blair, Kenneth Connor, Patrick Cargill, Anna Neagle, Paula Wilcox, Victor Spinetti, Jacqueline Redding open today in a lavish production at the Hippodrome, Bristol (0272 299444), at 2.30pm and 7.15pm. Until Mar 3. Mon-Sat at 7.15pm; matinees Mon-Sat at 2.30pm until Jan 7, then on various

BABES IN THE WOOD: Terry Scott. Norman Vaughan, Bernard Bresslaw, Dilys Watting, Leon Greene, Opens today at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 669595) at 7.30pm, Until Jan 28, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matines on many days at 2.30pm. **Christmas Day**

CHRISTMAS DAY: To stimulate an appetite for the turkey, bathers can take a morning swim in the Serpentine, Hyde Park; in front of the Royal Victoria Hotel at Hastings, at 10am; or on Albion Beach, near the Palace Pier, Brighton, at 11am. THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS BROADCAST: The fifty-first royal Christmas broadcast

signs for the deaf and hard of **Boxing Day**

since King George V started the tradition in 1932 can be heard first

on Radio 4 at 9.30am. It is then on

BBC1 and ITV at 3pm; and on BBC2 at 9.50pm, with subtitles and

RACING AT KEMPTON PARK: The King George VI Chase over three miles is today's highlight, with trainer Michael Dickinson going for his fifth winner in the last six years (on

CHRISTMAS PARTY: The

the other occasion the race was

called off because of frost). His

The race starts at 2.15pm and is

successful in the past, and

being covered live on ITV. popular black television comedian is having a short run of comedy and variety performances at the Winter Gardens, Bournemouth (0202 296646). on 01-246 8041. Opens today at 2.30pm. Until Dec 31, Mon-Sat at 8pm (not Dec 31);

matnees today, Tues and Dec 31 at 2.30pm. JACK AND THE BEANSTALK: Luiu heads a cast including Bonnie Langford, Jeremy Beadle, Tony Brandon, George Sewell, Henry McGee, Ellen Thomas at Lewisham Concert Hall, Rushev Green, Cattord, London SE6 (690 3431), Opens today at 2.30pm, Until Jan 28, Mon-Sat at 2.30pm.

Holiday Tuesday

KRULL: Pour all Hollywood's recent lantasy adventures into a cauldron. stir very slowly and you might come up with Peter Yates's new film. Ken Marshall stars as Prince Colwyn, anxious to destroy the Hideous Slayers; Lysette Anthony is his lady fair. Cert PG. Classic Chelsea (01-352 5096), Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644), Odeon Leicester Square (01-920 6111), and on national

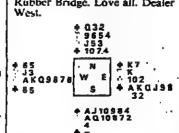
COWARD AT CHRISTMAS: A new production of Bithe Spirit, with Paul Eddington, Julia McKenzie. Anna Massey and Peggy Mount, as Madame Arcas, is the first of five Noël Coward plays being broadcast on Radio 4 this week (8-9.30pm). The others are Hay Fever, with Paggy Ashcroft (Wed 8pm);



There's a little bit o' Stanley Holloway on BBC 1 (Wed)

Bridge

Some players adore freaks, with



exposed to less flak.

200." The next hand, which I enjoyed rather more, I will

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has a void. On that basis, you dismiss a diamond lead and choose between the majors. 3,110 points hang on your

This was the full hand:

rules and ethics committee.

The Bridge Players Acol

Jeremy Flint.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

London dealers ready to venture forth

The Stock Exchange Council has taken another step toward the brave new world of negotiated brokers' commissions and dual capacity with a notice containing rules for International Dealers (IDs). They will make their overdue entry in March: arguably the absence of such beings has already cost the London market many millions of turnover since the abolition of foreign exchange controls in November

For good reasons - they include cost as well as expertise - British financial institutions have channelled their derestricted appetite for overseas stocks through American and Japanese brokers. If London is to build a reputation as an international stock market, it needs its IDs dealing as freely as possible in overseas Japanese brokers who see the freedom accounting and internal control. Amemb-American pension funds have been given er firm which deals with ar ID must to invest abroad as a huge new business

opportunity.

The Stock Exchange Council is treading soon as possible. warily, endeavouring to keep IDs at arm's length from the Stock Exchange proper and at the same time to keep them on a

"In recognition of the fact that IDs will be dealing in an international market largely over the telephone and with professional counterparties." the noice a presence on the floor."

They will be limited liability companies, which may be owned by one member firm, or a consortium of firms, which may be made up of broking firms, jobbing firms and non-member firms (a gesture to London's new spirit of internationalism) provided a member or members have more than 50 per cent of the equity. An ID may deal only as a principal, ie as if it were a true blue London jobber, and as it is a jobber by another name its dealing book is free from the constraints of stamp duty. There is a word of caution:

"As an ID will be dealing as a principal, care must be taken to ensure that all transactions are undertaken only with

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professional or more sophisticated private investors. The council believes that most private clients are best served by employing a broker as a agent, required to deal in the best interests of his clients."

It is worth emphasizing that the Stock Exchange Compensation Fund "will not normally cover transactions or any other activity by an ID." Nontheless there might be losses that could not be entirely ignored by the Stock Exchange: "The discretionary nature of the Fund may allow compensation in exceptional circumstances.

Other rules seem pretty strict, IDs will have to maintain at all times a minumum liquidity margin of £500,000. A firm wanting to set up an ID must first submit to the Council "a detailed business plan securities, as much as it needs a greater showing the capital structure and arrangeinvolvement here by American and ments for management, administration, report "for surveillance purposes" all bargains to the Official Lists Office as

> ID's will deal on a cash against delivery basis and are not able to take deposits or deal on margin. IDs are not allowed to become members of overseas stock

exchanges. The Council has also made it a rule that Unless the Council otherwise decides, says, they should not be permitted to have the consure, suspension, or expulsion of an International Dealer shall operate also as the censure, suspension, or explusion of

all its Member Directors."

Although ID's may deal or settle in any currency, they will not be allowed to trade in American Deposiory Receipts, issued by more and more leading "blue chip" copanies to enable financial insitutions to avoid stamp duty by buying stock through

While the Council has enabled member firms to begin genuine international businesses, they are clearly on very short strings. Having said that ambitious London jobbers like Smith Brothers, in harness with NM Rothschild, would admit that the potential for a skilled, well

Courtaulds into the light

Courtaulds has had four years of gruelling and necessary rationalization under the chairmanship of 43-year-old Mr Christopher Hogg. If penny pinching was the watch word it may longer be so, judge by the five-for-three share exchange the reviving textile company is offering for the 9.2 million shares (12.2 per cent) it does not own in International Paint.

The terms put a value on International Paint of £154.6m or 45 per cent of the profile that will guarantee a viable future. £344m at which the market values Courtaulds. In the year to the end of March; International Paint accounted for only 17 per cent of group sales, 28 per cent of trading profits and 22 per cent of capital

In the first half of the present trading year, International Paint's profit contribution shrunk again in the face of declining world demand for industrial

It has not always been so. Two years ago, International Paint was worth as much in market capitalization as the whole of Courtaulds.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Stenhouse

steps up

bid fight

The board of Stenhouse Holdings has urged its share-holders not to accept the £53m

It still took courage to put faith and money in Hogg whose reputation was made at Mr George Brown's Industrial Reorganisation Corporation and who rode to the office on a bicycle and preferred a Volkswagen Beetle to any other car. But he has succeded where others might have qualified at the undertaking. Courtaulds again is reasonably profitable though it is still searching for the higher technology

When the company raised £68m with a right issue last May, it hoped to make an acquisition in speciality chemicals in the US. The board had even appointed a director, Mr Ed Barr, to travel the length of the land to find one. But the strength of US equity markets and the dollar itself has more or less ruled out such ambitions for the moment.

In the light of this frustration, the full consolidation of International Paint, which Mr Hogg says is the only paint of Courtaulds at present making regular technical breakthroughs, looks the right

WALL STREET

Share prices retreat in moderate trading

Declines were nearly 5-to-4

161%, oif %, Arianne Kienneld 41½, ½ lower, Dun & Brads-treet, 60½ down 1. Great Northern Nekossa; 60%, off 1½. General Electric, 58½, off ½ and General Motors, 73%, up ½. Grumman fell 4½ to 26. On

Mr Ted Webb, senior vicepresident at Bull & Bear Group, said: These extraordinary markets always seem to happen around yearend. Here we have mostly sideways action and little real progress, while people are continuing to do window

Long Island Lighting - dropped on Thursday on bad news. So the market did not show a clear-

GM-Toyota agreement could Prices drift lead to wave of mergers Almost immediately, GM's negotiations in The United States Federal

Trade Commission has tentatively approved a joint production agreement between General Motors and Toyota in a decision regarded as one of the most sweeping revisions of United States antitrust laws in more than a decade.

By a close three-to-two vote, the commission ruled that the two car companies could jointly build more than 250,000 Japanese-designed small cars at a GM plant at Fremont, California, without violating American antitrust laws.

The decision has cleared the

vay for mergers among huge international corporations which have avoided such ventures in the past for fear of running foul of strict American

By Andrew Cornelius

Mr Alec Monk's Dec Corpor-

tion, formerly LinFood Hold-

ings yesterday announced the £21,8m acquisition of two supermarket companies based

The deal comes after the

£41.8m purchase of the 106 Key Markets stores from Fitch

Lovell, the food group, last summer. Dee said yesterday that it will continue to operate

the two companies, FA Well-worth and Broad-Fields, under

supermarkets in Northern Ire-

land with a total selling area of

two companies is £17.42m.

Eagle Star bids still

in balance

By Our Financial Staff

The bidding for Eagle Star Holdings was left in the balance last night as the West German

insurer, Allianz Versicherungs,

reported that it had received

acceptances from shareholders

representing 0.01 per cent of

The acceptances take the Allianz stake in Eagle to 30.01 per cent, ahead of the 4.30pm

deadline on December 30 set by the Takeover Panel for the final

indication of any progress in the

talks between Allianz and BAT

Industries who are competing to

win control of Eagle Star. Both bidders have made indentical

675p per share bids for Eagle worth £934m.

Although the offers are identical, Sir Denis Mountain, chairman of Eagle Star, favours the BAT bid. He argues that

parent than Allianz and that the BAT offer is better because

If there is no progress in the

discussions between Allianz and BAT over resolving the battle for control of Eagle Star the

City's biggest takeover battle is likely to be decided by a one-day auction on December 30.

THE BIDDING FOR EAGLE

there is a paper alternative.

would make a better

Eagle's shares.

bids to be made.

DID 20

n Northern Ireland.

their present names.
The companies

domestic competitors nounced that they would fight the decision on the grounds that a joint venture between GM. the world's largest car company, and Toyota, the third largest, clearly violated American law. Mr Lee Iococca, chairman of Chrysler, said "After this decision, what kind of deal will be off-limits?" He vowed to

fight the ruling over the next 60 days in the courts and through possible action in Congress.
"It's not right and I will do everything in my power to see that the American public gets a clear picture of just how wrong

Ford also said it would fight the decision. The decision was approved

late on Thursday after weeks of

negotiations in which the expeted to approve the decision commission tried to meet formally after a 60-day public widespread criticismof the venthat only information concerning the joint venture could be exchanged. ture by setting strict limits and terms on the deal. It was forced votes as the negotiations Mr Roger Smith, GM chair-man, said in response to the criticism that he was confident bragged on.

the courts would rule in favour of the venture because of the

backing it has recieived from

Mr James Miller, chairman

Sketchley to

expand in

N America

Sketchley is planning to buy

Canadian dry cleaning chain

which will tip the balance of its

business to being mainly over-

Sales of the laundry group

used to be 40/60 between

overseas and home but if the two deals go through the balance will be 60/40 the other

Sketchley will pay £9.09m for

the nappy service division of Blessings Corporations of Pisca-taway. New Jersey. This service

rents nappies to mothers, at home, hospitals and nursing

In the year to January, 1983,

it made an operating profit of

Toronto and Southern Ontario

made pretax profits of £438,000

The American deal will be

financed by a medium-term loan and cash, and the Cana-

dian one by cash plus a seven

year term loan facility in

Mr Thomas Adam, group

finance director, said the com-

pany's long-term aim was to

have its business split equally

in the year to April 1983

homes in 23 cities

an American nappy service and

the commission.

But finally, the commission majority agreed to a venture which would allow the makers to begin producing more than 250,000 cars a year, based on the Toyota Corolla, for sales in the US for 12 years beginning in At a later date, GM could

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of the commission said the majority had approved the venture because it would benefit the American public by being producing additional cars for Toyota but would not be increasing the supply of low-cost small ears and would give GM an opportunity to learn more cost-efficient production allowed to share in these profits or be privy to secret information from Toyota on the additional car models.

methods from Toyota.

payable by Dee on February 28.

12 Dee made increased pretax profits of £9.24m, against £6.88m in the same period the

previous year, on sales of £648.9m, Mr Monk, the chair-

man, said at the halfway stage that sales of the Key Markets

chain had increased satisfac-

torily since the acquisition and that costs had been reduced. The management of Key Mar-

kets and Dee's Gateway super-

Analysts are predicting pretax profits of £20m for the year at

that it would take at least three

years for the full benefits to be

obtained from the merger of the

Key Markets and Dee business-

Mr Monk is still dissatisfied

However, Mr Monk has said

markets had been integrated.

Dee, against £17m last year.

In the half year to November

lower

With the stock market closing for Christmas at lunchtime yesterday, investors showed little enthusiasm to open up new positions and many decided to postpone decisions until the New Year.

Most of the business was

completed after the first hour and prices were left to drift lower because of lack of support. The FT Index, after its record-breaking run closed 1.2 points lower at 775.0.

Gilts reflected a firmer pound and managed to hold on to early leads of up to 25p at the longer end of the market in thin trade.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 775.0 down 1.2 FT Gilts: 83.15 up 0.01

Bargains: N/A

Datastroam USM Leaders Index:95.70 up 0.1 New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: Average: (latest) 1250.91 down 2.75 Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,684 17 down 25.25 Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 867,30 up 3.74

Amsterdam: 157.8 up 0.2 Sydney: AO index 762.2 up 1.0 Frankfurt: Commerciank Index 1031.7 down 2.7 Bruncales General Index 136.44 up 0.47

Paris: CAC Index 153.8 up Zurich: SKA General 312.89

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling \$1.4330 up 55pts Index 82.5 up 0.2 DM 3.9500 down 0.0025 FrF 12.0850 up 0.02 Yen 335 up 1.0

Index 130.3 down 0.2 DM 2.7565 down 0.0010 **NEW YORK LATEST Sterling \$1.4327** Dollar DM 2.7580 INTERNATIONAL

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INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base_rates 9 Finance houses base rate 91/2 Discount market loans week 3 month interbank 9/16-9/8

Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 10-/4-10-/8 3 month DM 6-/16-6-/16 3 month Fr F13/16- 13/16

Dee buys 20 supermarkets

Alec Monk: £21.8m expansion in Northern Ireland

280,000 sq ft. In the year to last The acquisition will January 31 they made com-bined pretax profits of £4.68m. funded by the issue of 5.7 million Dee ordinary shares. Of Pretax profits in the year to January 31, 1984, are likely to these, 1.4 millions will be placed and will carry the right to the interim dividend of 7p he higher. The net assets of the

about the margins he is

vately-owned trading company of Mr Nazmu Virani, yesterday announced the purchase of 750,000 Belhaven Brewery

who joined the company as its fifth chairman in 1979, resigned after a disagreement with the joint chairman, Mr Eric Morley, over the proposed sale of Belhaven hotels to Mr Virani. Last August, Belhaven an-nounced that it had agreed to to Virani of a Belhaven hotel in That would have left Mr

Virani lifts Belhaven stake A Canadian subsidiary has been set up by Sketchley to buy the Embassy Cleaners chain of 117 dry cleaners from Imasco Retail for £4.5m. The chain in

Virani Group UK, the pri- acquire four former British Rail hotels in Scotland from Virani. Virani was then going to lease the hotels back and guarantee Belhaven an outlet for its beer. shares taking its stake to 27.31 per cent or 5,938,200 shares.

Recently, Mr Ronnie Aitken, The deal also included the sale Spain for £1.4m.

Virani with a substantially increased equity stake but the deal has now been put into On the Belhaven side, it

appears that separate bids for between home and overseas the hotel are being taken.

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takeover attempt by its 49 per cent owned Canadian subsidi-ary Reed Stenhouse. This follows the announcemet by Reed Stembouse Holdings shareholders for its offer of one Reed Stenhouse share, plus 20p cash, for every five Stenhouse Holdings shares.
The Stenhouse Holdings board is opposing the bid on the ground that if favours the Canadian shareholders in Reed Stenhouse at the expense of Stenhouse Holdings share-holders. The board said that the

> from Continental Corporation of New York which holds 20 per cent of the shares and the 5.2 per cent holding of the Reed Stenhouse Voluntary Equity This means that acceptances from other shareholders totalled only 11.3 per cent, according to the Stenhouse Holdings board.

36.5 per cent acceptance level

includes prior commitments

• Allied Irish bank announced yesterday the first step in its £99m campaign to take over First Maryland Bancorp, of the United States. The bank has taken a 43 per cent stake for an undisclosed sum and said it will be purchasing more shares over the next four years to bring its holding to more than 50 per

 British Airways and China's National Airline have agreed on a plan breaking the Chinese carrier's monopoly on the Peking-Hongkong route.

 Bankruptcy proceedings for Dunlop's French subsidiary are factories operating while talks made the shares slip. about a possible rescue package

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down by 2.75 to my Corp. 63, up 21/2.

ahead of rising stocks.

International Business Machines 123%, up 4. Teledyne, 161%, off 4. Atlantic Richfield

Thursday, the company forecast that 1984 earnings would be about this year's expected \$3.80 to \$3.90 a share. Net income in 1982, from continued oper-Salomon Brothers and Bear cut direction yesterday.

New York (APH Dow Jones).— Share prices were drifting lower in moderate, early trading on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday.

The Dow Jones Industrial Coleco, 20% up % and Alleghe-

He noted the huge volume in American Telephone and its when issued stock. They led the most active issues yesterday torning.
Public Service of Indiana and

Date Bidder Price Value For 30% 290p 500p 575p 650p 660p 665p stake £692m £798m £900m £914 £920m £934m £934 1.6.81 Allianz 19.10.83 Allianz 28.11.83 Allianz 28.11.83 BAT 14.12.83 Allianz 675p 675p 14.12.83 BAT 22.12.83 Allienz

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Krugerrand* (per coin): \$391.50-393 (£273.75-274.75) Sovereigns" (new): \$89.25-90.25 (262.25-63)

Institutional shareholders baulk at £12m offer

Rift in F Miller takeover

A conflict has developed in the agreed £12m takeover by Clydes Nottingham Manufacturers of Prudet fellow Marks and Spencer textile suplier, F Miller (Tex-

Grieg, Middleton yesterday resigned as joint stockbroker to the Glasgow-based, children's clothing manufacturer, Miller. The broker said that leading institutional shareholders have told them of "their surprise at the low level of the offer."

The all-share, one-for-six. offer values Miller shares at 36p, against a pre-suspension price of 42p and a level ruling in likely to remain suspended in the market of 60p, before the new year to keep its reports of prolems at Miller The institutional share-

M G X Nominees, Clydesdale Bank Nominees Prudential Nominees and NC Lombard Street Nominees.

Between them the insti-tutions, hold 10.1 million shares, equivalent to 30 per cent of the issued equity. Directors of Miller, their families and associated interests, representing 17 per cent, have accepted

The institutions also expressed concern that what it considered a low offer had been recommended by the board and its advisers, Singer and Fried-

The broker said that it will be consulting with the institutional shareholders in F Miller soon to discuss what action will be holders are Scottish Amicable taken over the offer.

Miller has assets of £5m that include £3m in cash, and has been trading profitably on a regular basis for the last 10

At the time of the agreement Mr F Miller, the chairman, said that future trading did not look encouraging and that a failure to achieve a desired increase in turnover had put margins under However, in October, he said

more profitable areas and broaden the customer base." Mr Miller said that the company would not be able to restore former levels of profitability, but as part of a larger group "future prospects should be more secure."

that more design and sales staff

were being hired, "to get into

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Remnant

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BANKING

a) 50%

b) 63%

c) 75%

d) 80%

their affairs in order?

ped its savers to be less calculating?

be rolling in from rolling

15 Who decided more should

5 Everyone buying a house on a mortgage with the intro-

duction of the new method

of deducting mortgage inter-

est relief at source. The

change meant some nasty

when they opened their pay

Grindlays Bank joined the

American Express Gold

Card programme and cus-

tomers earning £20,000 a

year can now apply for a

card which gives an instant overdraft facility of £7,500.

Since May anyone wanting

to cash cheques overseas has

to have a Eurocheque

encashment card issued by

the banks to overcome the

escalating incidence of fraud. Midland, the odd

bank out, went over to an

entirely new system involving a new uniform Euroche-

que Card and separate cheques which can be used

in shops and restaurants as

The Greenwich which has

launched an adopt a duck

account, under whose rules

it makes a £4 donation to

the Wildfowl Trust for every

account opened and savers

can select and name their

9 The Government's proposal to raise the limit on mortgage interest tax relief from £25,000 to £30,000

which was dropped from the

Finance Bill before the election, was replaced in the

edge of the new £1 coin. It

means "an ornament and a safeguard," and is intended

to deter conterfeiters be-cause it is difficult to

These days 75 per cent of British adults hold a bank

which have launched the Homelink home banking

system. Subscribers using a

computer console linked to

their television can transfer

cash, pay bills and check

their accounts.

13 Hambro Life, the life assurance company, which

current or deposit account.
12 Nottingham Building Society
and the Bank of Scotland

10 It is the engraving round the

well as in banks.

own duck.

mini budget.

reproduce.

packets at the end of April.

for homebuyers

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I had drawn out £50. And I said: "The only problem I had was that it did not seem to last as long as usual".

But then it never does. You can hardly blame that on the

"Are you sure you took all the money?" he wanted to

but I must admit I didn't count it". I replied.

Later the same day, the man from the bank rang up again to say that the bank had checked with other customers who had also used the machine and had come to the conclusion that I must be the person who had been underpaid .- note that. UNDERPAID.

"Have you any idea how much you might have been short", he asked.

Faced with this impossible decision I came to the conclusion that I must have had at least £30 from the machine - a minimum of two £5 notes and two £10 notes.

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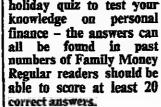
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Questions

- Which building societies gave access to Access?
- What did Save & Prosper do to interest people with bank
- Why are there lions in Chelsea?
- 4 Who split Cedar four ways?
- 5 Who got mired in Miras? 6 How did Grindlays go for Continental travellers have
- had to carry extra weight since May. Why?
- 8 Which building society made it a good day for the ducks? 9 Why were housebuyers
- pleased by the height of the ceiling? 10 Decus et Tutamen is: a) the motto of the Stock
- Exchange? b) on the £1 coin? c) above the entrance of the gold futures exchange? d) an oath taken by the chairman of Lloyd's?

Answers

National and Provincial and

Nationwide, who joined forces with National West-

minster and Midland banks

to make their customers

eligible to apply for an

Access card.
The S & P Unit trust group

launched a high interest

deposit account with a

cheque book tacility avail-

able to those with more than

Because Chelsea Building

Society has reissued its

popular Lion shares which

pay premium interest over a

Touche Remnant when it unitized Cedar Investment

Trust, turning it into four

£2,500 to invest.

three-year term.

unit trusts.

- How many Britons can you 16 Who is putting less of a bank on? glars?
 - 17 Why are bank accounts moving to Yorkshire?
- Who will display their 18 He could have turned £300 figures in your living room? into £485 but he settled for 13 What policymaker wants to insure that the wealthy keep £100. Who is this promising young investor? 14 Which institution has hel-
 - 19 Where did Steve Ovett insure he came first?
 - 20 How did this man add interest to the rates?



made of?

21 Why does Katie Boyle want

22 How has this silversmith

23 How did Brigid Sandford Smith put equal rights for husbands on the books?

A: Which country minted

this coin and what is it

been put on his metal?

you to pay a premium on

SAVE

AMP

PROSPER

C: When did beauty queens dazzle the City with statistics?

B: Why are these girls far from stumped by life assurance? October launched its financial management pro-

> lazy, client with at least £25.000 to place.
>
> The National Savings Bank which from January I is chosen in the part of release. changing its way of calculating interest on it investment accounts and will pay on a daily basis. The old system where interest was earned only on whole pounds for whole months meant that investors had to be very careful about the timing of their payments and with-

gramme offering a package of services to the busy. or

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, who has dictated that from January I any gains made in offshore roll-up funds (which have dodged tax by reinvesting interest thus providing a capital gain rather than income) will be taxed as income at the highest marginal rate.

drawals.

The Sun Alliance Insurance Company, whose new Firemark home contents policy gives a discount on premiums to those who take special precautions against the burglary.

Because the Yorkshire Bank is one of the few to offer free banking to those who keep in credit. Its current accounts rose by 800,000 in the year to October 1983.

18 Ward Lawrence who emerged overall winner of The Times/Money Programme unit trust competition. A sum of £100 invested in each of his three sections: Britannia Gold and General: Britannia Minerals and

But schoolboy Ward did not actually invest in his tips so all he got was the prize of £100. 19 Steve Ovett, the middle distance runner, took out the first policy when the Prudential joined forces with the Amateur Athletic Association to provide personal accident cover for

Crescent Tokyo, over calen-

dar 1982, would have turned into a total £484.72.

20 Mr Clive Thornton, chief executive of the Abbey National Building Society (about to become chairman of the Mirror newspaper wrecked the big

athletics.

Noble minted by the Isle of Man government with a face value of £10.

B: They are members of an all female sales force spearheaded by intercricketer national Rachael Heyhoe Flint (centre) and trained by St George Assurance to sell

societies' cartel for flxing interest rates when he pulled Abbey out. Katie Boyle is promoting Pet Plan's new scheme for

insuring the cost of vets' 22 Chailey Lambert who makes silver models as a hobby has been given the chance to make it a full-time job by winning the "Head Start in conjunction with Abbey National Building Society.
Part of the prize is a rent and rate-free office for a

Backed by the Equal Opportunities Commission, Brigid Sandford Smith won her campaign to make Pentos, the bookshop and publishing company, chan-ge its pension scheme rules to allow widowers of female employees, to receive a

pension as of right. Answers to picture quiz

A: It is the platinum insurance and savings products to women.

C: On April 14, 1983 when Mr. Eric Morley's Miss World company was floated on the Unlisted Securities Market and the shares soared from 60p to 133p on the first day of dealing. third week of the following month.)

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Banks
Current account - no interest pald.
Deposit accounts - Midland,
Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest 5½ per
cent, seven days notice required
for withdrawals, National Girobank
7 per cent. Lloyds extra interest 9
per cent. Monthly income account
Natwest 9½ per cent. Fixed term
deposits £2,500-£25,000 - 1, 3 and
6 months 8¾ per cent. Rates 6 months 8% per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks nay differ

National Savings Bank Ordinary accounts - Interest 6 per cent on £500 minimum on deposit for whole of 1984, otherwise 3 per

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certificates
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National Savings Deposit Bond. Minimum investment £500 max £50,000, 111/2 per cent variable at six weeks notice. Credited annually without deduction of tax. Repay-ment at three months notics. Half interest only paid on bonds repaid during the first year.

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Local authority town hall bonds Fixed term, fixed rate investments. interest quoted gross (basic rafe tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). 1 year Lambeth 9½ per cent. 2-3 years Hyndbuth 10½ per cent. 4-8 years Knowsley 11½. 9-10 years Worthing 11 per cent. Further details available from Chartered institute of Public Loans Bureau (01-828 7855 after 3pm) see also on Prestel no 24808.

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Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits, interest paid without deductions of tax. Five-Fifty scheme: 6 months 9½ per cent; 1 year. 9½ per cent; 2 years, 10 per cent.

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hiff of success for cigars

looks like improving its performance this year, possibly by nearly 3 per cent, after three years of falling sales. The improvement has come in the run-up to Christmas, when about a third of all cigars are

Cigarette sales have also been recovering but not enough to improve 61 last year.

market, have recently jumped by 15 per cent or so. They had plunged by a fifth in 1981 as company chiefs eschewed handrolled Havanas along with Rolls-Royces. Now, after two Cuban harvests hit by storms, importers are worried by future

In the three main categories

Sales of fine cigars, aimed up-machine-sized machine-sized within and machines - the company that appears to be benefiting most is Gallaher, Britain's second lar-gest tobacco manufacturer and

D. Australia

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a part of American Brands. The sales recovery has shown most in the whiffs sector, which accounts for three-quarters of all cigar sales. The sector is dominated by Hamlet, Gallahof the volume market - er's Benson and Hedges brand. Imperial Toacco, Britain's

biggest tobacco manufacturer, dominates the larger cigar market, with its Wills Castellas and Wintermans half corones one of the Dutch range which it imports. The panatella sector, accounting for 10 per cent of all rigar sales, is the least, bouyant,

according to Imperial. miniatures market, its Tom Thumb brand being market eader with Winterman's Cafe Creme as number two. The miniatures sector has merely

stopped declining.
Imperial says that all its brands, including the imported ones have been at least holding

on to their sales.

The main battle is among the medium-sized whiffs, where Imperial claims a 40 per cent share through Panama and such brands as Embassy Slims. Grandee and John Player Mild.

The whiffs sector is showing a growth of up to I per cent, and Hamlet, for which a 65 per cent market share is claimed, has improved its share by 3 per cent this year, according to Mr Guy Moreland-Green, general manager cigars for Gallaher. Panama. its nearest challenger, is credited with 14 per cent.

Gallaher whiff-sized Mani-kin, once Britain's best selling cigar, is trailing behind at least four Imperial brands with a 5 per cent share. Smokers have not liked its shorter liked its shorter, stubbier, darker-leaf nature, preferring instead, slimmer cigars with lighter wrapper leaf...

As a result, Manikin has changed. Gallaher has retained its leaf formula to give a fuller taste, but has slimmed and lengthened the cigar. The new formula has just gone on national sale after being testmarketed in the south-east. The change looks like stabilizing sales and possibly turning them round.

Moreland-Green said: "The cigar market is pretty steady and conservative, so only a small increase in sales over the next year can be expected." Offsetting the whiffs growth is a declining trend in panatellas, although only peripheral brands have lost sales. he



Imperial is inclined to be more optimistic on sales trends. It is looking to possibly 1,500 million cigars going into the trade this year, an increase on 1982 of almost 3 per cent.

By value cigars account for 4.5 per cent of the tobacco market in Britain, compared with 2.7 per cent in the United States, and reflects the way smaller cigars have become more an everyday habit. Fiftyseven per cent of cigars are smoked by lower socio-economic groups,

At the other end of the scale, fine cigars sell about 4.5 million r, far fewer than they used to and less than I per cent of the cigar market by volume. The trade is largely through a handful of London-based importers. One of those is Dunhill, in which Rothman International has a majority stake. According to Mr Richard Dunhill, the chairman, "fine cigar sales are up 15 per cent with us. Some manufacturers

are claiming more than that." With possibly half of Havana cigars now made by machine to the dismay of connoisseurs who inveigh against the chop-ping of leaves - a distinct market segment is emerging of hand-rolled Havanas at premium prices. Monte Cristo and Davidoff have been making the running, closely followed by Romco y Julietta.

The top of the new Dunnill range costs £11.50 in an individual box and gives a three-hour smoke. Historically, cigar sales rise and fall according to the availability of disposabe income

nationally. At least at the top of

the market, there is now barely

a whiff of recession.



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News is expected in the New Year that a mystery buyer has built up a 4 per cent stake in Distillers, Britain's largest exporter of scotch whisky.

Yesterday, the shares stood out among the FT constituents with a 2p rise to 236p - a rise on the week of 17p. At this level, the group, whose brands include Jonny Walker Red Label and White Horse, are valued at £85.7m with historic asset backing of more than 300p a

share. Word is that the buying has caused some apprehension in the Distiliers boardroom. A spokesman for Distillers said the company was aware of the strength in the share price over the past three or four days, but never comments on market rumour. Speculation has mentioned a possible consortium bid. But any bid is likely to be referred to the Monopolies

Commission. Stocks of scotch whisky. equivalent to seven years' worth of consumption, are stored in Scottish distillers, but analysts estimate that sales have bot-tomed out and there are now on lack of support with the FT signs of a pick-up in world index closing the short working-

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MARKET REPORT • by Michael Clark

Buyer worries Disti ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Dec 12. Dealings and, Dec 29. Contango Day, Dec 30. Settlement Day, Jan 9.

demand. Recent interim profits from Distillers showed a fall of £17m to £64.9m and for the full year analysts expect a £10m shortfall on last year's £209m. The rest of the equity market almost ground to a halt with

The broker Capel-Cure Myers has become a fan of Spring Ram, the Yorkshire bathroom and kitchen equipment manufacturer, and says it has "outstanding" prospects. CCM expects prefax profits to grow from £1.03m to £1.40m this rear followed by £2m next year and recommends buying the shares at or below the present level of 171p.

brokers drifting back to their offices around lunchtime for a farewell drink before the Christmas festivities got under way.

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session 1.2 down at 775.0. Gilts responded to a firmer pound which closed 15 points up Meanwhile, the Lloyds Bank against the dollar at \$1,4295 on the foreign exchange. Dealers reported gains of up to 25p at the longer end in thin trade with sentiment still supported by the recent batch of optimistic forecasis on the domestic

Enewhere among the leaders, Bowater slipped 2p from a Bowater slipped 2p from a year's high to 265p on profit taking Rumours persist that Sir James Goldsmith's General Occidentale may be buying the shares, Beecham lost 3p to 318p along with Glaxo 5p to 720p. ICI 4p to 656p. TI Group 2p to 170p and Tate & Lyle 3p to 378p.

Shares of International Paint returned from suspension 36p dearer at 203p after the all-share offer of five shares for three from Courtailds, which already owns. 88 per cent of the company. The deal is worth

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It has been a good account, so far, for the discount houses. All week, the shares have responded to whispers of a iripartate merger of some sort. Yesterday. the market speculator's money was on Alexanders Discount on 332p. Jessel Toynbee on 68p and Smith St Aubyn on 47p.
Only last year, Jessel Toynbec ducided to merge with Gillett Bros after months of rumour.

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Crystalate slipped 1p to 199p on

the news

Sir Monty Finniston is taking up an option to buy 100,000 shares in Metal Sciences, the shot blasting grit maker, which joined the Unlisted Securities Market this year. Sir Monty. chairman of Metal Sciences, is excited by rurrent market the owner of a 5.5 per cent stake reserch confirming a substantial market for the group's high quality abrasive and has already attracted serious inquiries from overseas. Full production will get uner way in the New Year. The shares slipped 1p to 18p. Laing & Cruickshank has recently been appointed the

group's broker. The UnitedKingdom Provident Institution has bought an extra 400,000 shares in NSS Newsagents taking its total holding to 5.5m (17.3 per cent).

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West Ham's fall is Tottenham spur

For four months they have been running at a regular pace, as the halfway stage of their elongated race comes into view, they now face a cruelly short, sharp sprint. Over the festive period most teams will be required to play four matches in eight days.

Liverpool, whose overall strength and fitness has become almost as traditional as the decorations on a Christmas tree. adapt admirably to such a change of speed but this year they may find themselves unusually short of breath. Two Milk Cup ties in three days against Birmingham City were, after all, scarcely the ideal

Their programme becomes progressively harder. On Boxing Day they visit West Bromwich Albion, who have lost their last three home games as well as most of their players. Statham is injured, Thompson and Owen are suspended and Whitehead, MacKenzie, Bennett and Robertson are all considered more than doubtful, Liverpool go on toe entertain Leicester City, who have not only recovered to take 10 out of the last 15 points but also won at Anfield on their last visit two years ago. After travelling to Nottingham Forest, they then return home to meet their most realistic challengers, Manchester United, on January 2,

Melia wants a job in England

Jimmy Melia, who took Brighton to their first FA Cup final last coaching job with the Lisbon second division team Belenensen, but is anxious to return to English football.

Melia, spending Christmas at his Hove home, is a superbly fit 45 year old and says: "There's no place like Britain for football, and my ambition is to get back to a League club."

United had expected to be without their captain, Robson, until at least the New Year but the Old Trafford staff bave been astonished by his recovery from a severely bruised instep. Mick Brown, the assistant manager, was "shocked by the extend of his injury in Monday's Milk Cup defeat. When he took his boot off, his foot seemed to

'It swelled up so much that he could only just get it into a bucket of water. But apart from being a great healer, he plays with injuries that would keep other players out for weeks. I would not rule him out even of the game on Monday." That is against Coventry City, unbeaten in their last eight games. McQueen, Bailey and Crooks, who has scored four goals in two reserve outlings, are also way World Cup success can come is best if they are to overcome a St. United at Parkhead on Tueday is expected to return at Highfield by playing in the calm manner of Mirren team who have improved to essential if they are to stay in touch. Road, where Liverpool recently suffered their heaviest defeat for six year. Even if United fail there, they should make up ground at home to Notts

County and Stoke City. West Ham United traditionally follow the opposite path to Liverpool. They dropped from fourth to eighth in the second half of last season and, after winning only one of their last six games, are again beginning to show signs of losing their place, currently third. West Ham, at home to Southampton on Monday and away to Luton Town on Tuesday, will be

The first division's marathon without their leading scorer, without their leading scorer.

Swindlehurst, who is suspended
after being sent off against
Arsenal a fortnight ago. Pike has
also been ordered to rest a troublesome groin strain.

London's challenge may soon be taken over by Queen's Park Rangers and Tottenham Hot-spur, Rangers, £150,000 the richer for selling Roeder to Newcastle United yesterday, will be at full strength for their visit to Leicester and Totenham are now as close to its as they have been since the start of the scason. Mabbutt alone is unfit.

They open the Christmas rush against Arsenal at 11 o'clock on Monday morning. Arsenal's line-up will not be unwrapped until shortly before the kick-off and Tottenham's will be refreshingly new. For a start, Ardiles, who came on as a substitute and created a goal with his initial touch at Old Trafford last Friday, will begin his first match since February 5. Perryman moves to right back, Hughton comes in at left back, Archibald returns up front with Brazil and Falco, yet to miss a game so far, is left to sit on the bench. Surprisingly, both of their yong wingers, Dick and Cook, are preferred to Galvin.

Don Howe, whose own position at Highbury may prove to be even more temporary than those on his team sheet, knows that he cannot consider either Talbot or Rix, He may also be forced to omit O'Leary, Sunderland and Robson as well. It is significant that, of that experienced quintet, only Talbot did not contribute to their Milk Cup victory at White Hart Lane six weeks ago.

Brentford, who have brought forward their Boxing Day home game with Wimbledon to Christmas Eve, will have father Cristmas giving away chocolate bars to children before the game, who wirk off has been away from \$1.30. kickoff has been moved from 11.30 to 3.0. The club have clean bill of



Keeping Injury at bay: Robson hoping for a Boxing Day return

Scotland with northern accent

By Hugh Taylor

Jock Stein, Scotland's manager, will be the most observant speciator watching the premier division match between St Mirren and Aberdeen at Love Street today.

Since Aberdeen have become the unofficial champions of Europe after beating Hamburg in the Super Cup final, with flair, dedication and commitment combining to produce an effective and attractive style, there has been an outery from the Scotland team, now plumbing the international depths, to change their pattern and follow the ways of the highly successful Northern club.

Whether, of course, the beleagu-

whether, of course, the belagu-ered Stein will allow himself to be talked into changing Scotland's methods is open to doubt. He seems to remain convinced that the only World stops for Irish

Ireland, Norway, Soviet Union and

Switzerland - has been postponed until January 19 or 20 because a

Sheffield United supporters can

watch the New Year's Eve match against Bolton at Bramall Lane after

national coach is on holiday.

the crack European teams, with possession football the key. Never-theless, he will see today that the style of Aberdeen is almost a facsimile of that of the great Celtic team whom Stein himself guided to European Cup glory in 1967, with the accent more on sweeping attack than on the more passive Continen-

ul approach.
Victory by Aberdeen, who are firmer favourites than ever to scoop every Scottish honour this season, every Scotlish honour this season, may at least influence Stern in demanding of his players a more committed attitude even if he still believes the old, bustling, fiery assault evoking memories of clan raids can no longer play a part in winning games at the highest level.

Aberdeen will have to be at their

dispute will go to the High Court.

merriest Christmas and happiest New year for some time. Their

Freddie Jones, has a deal to sell the

such an extent since Alex Miller, the former Rangers player, became manager that Dundee United, Celtic and Rangers have all been humbled at Love Street. This sole premier division match

signals the start of an exciting holiday programme. For instance. Centic are still hot on the heels of the leaders. Aberdeen, are hoping that the roles will be reversed from this stage last year, when they held a three-point advantage over Aber-deen and were six in front of the eventual champions. Dundee United.

It is unfair to say that these three are the only litle contenders this season, although Aberdeen are the in command so Celtic recognize that a win over Dundee United at Parkhead on Tueday is

Independiente are champions

Berne (Reuter) - the meeting to behind closed doors since the club arrange the 1986 World Cup qualifying stage fixtures for the European zone's group six - comprizing Denmark, Republic of ground will now be policed and the Buenos Aires, (Reuter) - Inde-pendente beat Racing Aveilaneda 2-0 to become first division cham-pions of Argentian for the eleventh ume. San Lorenzo finished runnersup after beating Platense 2-0. Kingstonian, of the Isthmian league, are looking forward to their

Racing were banished to the cond division for the first time in their history yesterday after the local soccer association's disciplinary tribunal confirmed as final results Richmond Road frontage of the the scores of ground for development to give a substantial tonic to ailing finances. the scores of two league matches suspended on Sunday because of

Rush job a mistake

Ian Rush hit his 20th goal of the season, against Birmingham City at season, against Birmingham City at Anfield on Thursday night, almost by accident. He sealed Liverpool's 3-0 Milk Cup fourth round replay victory by hitting a 74th minute penalty past Coton.

Sounces is Liverpool's usual penalty taker, but their manager, Joe Fagan, said afterwards: "Some-body on the pitch said Ruch was on

body on the pitch said Rush was on a hat-trick so, having won the penalty when brought down by the keeper, he was allowed to take it. But it was not his hat-trick - it was only his second goal.

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Rush played a big part in
Liverpool's opening goal, after 39
minutes, when he stroked the pass made it 3-0 with a 53rd min header, before he stepped up to take his first spot kick for the champions, sending Coton the wrong way as he drove the ball home.

drove the ball home.
On a cold, wet and windy night only 1 i.638 people turned up to see the teams clash for the second time in 48 hours. Following the 1-1 draw at St Andrew's, the replay was virtually all Liverpool, and Fagan turned it up perfectly when he summed it up perfectly when he said: "We deserved to win it. Maybe it was not too entertaining in the first half, but in the end the crowd were well entertained." Much of that entertainment was

provided by Coton, who performed heroics to keep the score down. The three goals he conceded meant that Liverpool now face a quarter-final round visit to the second division leaders. Sheffield Wednesday.

games against Pontypool last night, Clifton on Boxing Day, improving Northampton a week today and Cardiff two days later. Heavy fixtures lists have long been an accepted part of life in Wales and the West Country without. It is sometimes said, making unduly heavy demands on leading players because many clubs operate a squad system.

Players who take part in club

Christmas is a time of overinduigence and some clubs are in danger of sufferng from

fixture indigestion. Bath, for

instance, may be making too much of a good thing, with

training, in regional and national squad sessions, as well as club and representative matches, tell a different story. They would not be there if they did not want to be, but rugby's treadmill does nothing to improve the quality of the product. In that respect the inforced rest taken today by the players of Rosslyn Park and Coventry may be no bad thing, although it is ironic that Park should have spent so much money this season in improving their Roehamption pitch only to have a cancellation imposed

in the festive season

Busy Bath over-indulge

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week down to Ebbw Vale today but will restore Head to their front row on Monday. Ebbw themselves take action the life of the game's administrators would be considerably eased. Vale are without their captain, Dennehy, the Wales B back row

forward, who is working.

Bridgend, piped earlier in the season by Cardiff by two points, seek revenge at the Brewery Field. In 26 games Bridgend have scored 639 points and two of their younger players, Griffiths in the centre and Hywel Davies, the full back, are knocking on the same_door whiceh their wing. Titley, passed through last month when he was capped by Wales against Romania.

Griffiths played much of his youth rugby with Ring, the Cardiff centre capped last season against England but who faces a late fitness test for today's game, Cardiff are without two front row forwards, Phillips, the injured hooker, and Whitefoot, under suspension after being sent off in the Welsh Cup game with Treorchy last Three Treorchy players were dismissed in the same game and one of them, Chris Jones, a

prop, has been banned for five years by his club. This is a

by waterlogging.

Coventry can conserve their energies for the Boxing Day

by waterlogging.

prime example of a club, accepting responsibility for the accions of its players. Disciplinbattle with Moseley, who take any committees hold regular the side that beat Bedford last meetings but if the clubs

In the North great Yorkshire

rivals meet at College Grove, where Wakefield play host to Headingley, oth clubs took notable scalps last week, Headingley beating Sale and Wakefield ending the unbeaten run of Orrell. Headingley welcome back for the first time this season Ellison, the Cambridge University no 8.

Another Cambridge player, Smith, the right wing, makes his first appearance for Wasps who take their unbeaten record to Blackheath. Both these clubs have beaten Leicester in the last five weeks but whereas Black-heath fell from grace the week after doing so, Wasps go marching on.
Another London derby brings

together Harlequins and Richmond at the Stoop Memorial Ground. Weekes, who came on as a replacement in the win over Bath last Saturday, retains his place for Harlequins who have

Borthwick at prop This game counts for the London merit table; another game of merit takes place at Kingsholm where Gloucester play Plymouth Albion. Victory will ensure that Gloucester play in next season's John Player Cup after failing to qualify for

South on the high road

The Scottish district championrugby history, he is opposed by Gordon Hunter, the Selkirk player who hopes to take over from Roy ship reaches its climax today when South meet Glasgow at Hawick in what is in effect the playoff for the Laidlaw in the national side.

title, South have played three and won There is, too, John Beattie, the There is, too, John Beattie, the Lion's No 8, who is pitted against South's Sean McGaughey, a rising star from Hawick, McGaughey made his mark when South beat Edinburgh at Myreside lat week. He scored two tries in three minutes and he must feature in the Scotland three, Glasgow have wins against Edinburgh and North but were beaten when the Anglo-Scots visited Hughenden. The chances of Glasgow beating the Borderers on their own pitch are shm. Glasgow have won this encounter only twice in 31 years in trial at Murrayfield on the first Saturday in January. McGaughey, born in Hawick of Irish parents, is

he Borders. There is an Interesting duel in prospect behind the scrum where Sandy Service, possibly the best uncapped scrum half in Scottish in his first season in senior rugby.

If Glasgow can subdue McGaughey today, they will achieve their first win in the Borders

Match to aid blind soldier

Newbridge are to play a charity match in aid of a 20-year-old Gwent soldier, Andy Bull, who was blinded by a terrorist bomb in Belfast this

ing, said the club have a link with the Royal Regiment of Wales, having played them during a German tour last May. It is boped to stage the match in March and the proceeds will go to the Andrew Bull appeal fund. Bull, whose home is at Nautyglo, near Brynmawr, is spending Christmas in the military

Leicester have sold all 16,000 tickets for Wednesday's match against the Barbarians.

Sporting oddities in the passing parade

When chance was the fool's

name for fate To win is human: to foul 6-0, with Lendl doing an things up on a cataclysmic scale impersonation of a pricked is a talent of a higher and rarer ballon. order. For this has been a year

leaden-shod athletes jockeys and helmsmen with haywire steering, or error piled on sporting error, a year when. as undying glory beckoned, the hapless hordes sat on fate's whoopee cushion, the year of the blunder - like all other

Gordon Take Smith. Brighton, ludicrous underdogs, on the edge of an impossible the FA Cup Final, and the ball comes to Smith, leaving him clear with only the goalkeeper to beat. Destiny in his hands, ball at his feet, and he blew it. It was the goalkeeper, and not the forward, who seized the moment. Brighton lost the

replay, in fact they were thumped out of sight, paying the penalty for failing to seize

taken by that flashing-eyed desperado, Kapil Dev.

India's win was an incomparable piece of sorcery, an adept siezing of a moment that will never present itself again. This is precisely what Ivan Lendl did not do when he faced Jimmy Connors in the final of the US Open. Lendl, at set-all, has a set point on his own service ... and served a double fault. You really must not show signs of human frailty to a bully like Connors: Connors won 6-3, 6-7.

into the arena, took one look at it all, and turned round and went back again.

India's cricketers are also in

the process of getting thumped out of sight right now, at the hands of West Indies. But India, of course, seized their moment, and astounded the world, by winning the Prudential World Cup, defeating West Indies in the final at Lord's. It was made possible by the failure of their batsmen, particularly Vivian Richards and Clive Lloyd, whose apparent determination to win the game single-handed against donkey drop bowling saw them hole out, both catches

such lesser lights of the game as Micky Kilgalion, who, in the middle of a bout at the Bloomsbury Crest, and being in receipt of a volley of advice and abuse from his manager, Emie Fossey, turned round in mid-fight to say "Sorry, Ern" before carrying on with the contest. Then there is the mystery of Dave Stewart in the ABA heavyweight semi-finals. Stewart got changed and walked

Faldo: rub of the green

The great golfing foul-up of the year was provided by a speciator, who decided to help Nick Faldo by chucking his ball on to the green at the World Matchplay tournament at Wentworth. A bigger man in golfing, or perhaps in other terms, might have taken the law into his own hands here, but Faldo went along with the rules and the referee and played the ball from where the mystery man had thrown it. He did himself and golf a power of



Conner: That sinking feeling

good by showing no sympathy at all for the victim, his opponent Graham Marsh, who promptly took three putts, two from a distance from which Faldo might, in the circumstances, have given him.

Dennis Conner is responsible for the waterman's foul-up of the year through his feat in the final race of the American Cup. in which he managed to turn a 57-second advantage into a 41second defeat, thereby guaran-teeing himself a place in history,

Steve Overt, the alleged master of tactics, somehow made the most spectacular hash of things in the 1,500 metres final in the world championship boxed in in eighth place at the bell, while for rugby, the year's disaster has been the pro-fessional circus that it meant to be starting up in January, but has become a project remarkable for as much hot air as the Montgolfier brothers and as much heart-stopping action as in India v Pakistan Test match.

Being Charlie Nicholas probably counts as one of the year's major disasters: poor old Charlie, transferred from Celtic to Arsenal for £750,000 in an attempt to stop the Arsenal jokes, has instead become one. Still, as Boy George said, lots of people prefer a teddy bear to an Action Man.

Lester Piggott, of all people, perpetrated racing's boob of the year by deciding not to ride All Along in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Piggott's own choice. Awaasif, was nowhere, but All Along, piloted by the seventh choice jockey. Walter Swinburn, won, and went on to raid America, winning the Rothmans International, the Turf Classic and the Washing-ton DC International, and winning a total of \$2.5m. That's fouling it up on a grand scale.

Finally, there can be only one winner, a man who makes so much clear about sport. He is not, in fact a sportsman, but a man who works on the railways. Yes, the ticket collector who threw the West Indian cricketer Colin Croft off a train for being in a whites only compartment has made the ultimate statement on sporting politics on the subject of South Africa, Now another 12 months of glory and disaster await us on the gloriously trivial field of sporting endeavour. I can't wait to enjoy it. And I do hope Charlie manages to score.

Simon Barnes

against Bolton at Statistical Calculation and a statistical countries over policing costs – United owe South Yorkshire County Council more than £51.000 – threatened to force the match Fixtures for today and Boxing Day

chairman, negotiated

Kick-off at 3.00 unless stated Third division

Scottish premier division Scottish first division

Scottish second division Queen of the South v Arbrowth. ISTRUMAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Sta Corintan-Casuals.

Bissi LEAGASE: Ards v Coloraine (2.15);
Baltymen v Bangor (2.15); Carrick Rangers v
Glensvon (2.15); Cättonville v Glentoran (2.15);
Luffeld v Larne: Newry v Crusaders (2.15);
Portadown v Distillery (2.15).

Broniey v Aylesbury.
SUSSEK SEMOR CUP: Second floure Replay
C.00: Whitehask v Eastbourne Town.
BORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE:
TOWN ANALYSIS Affreton Town v Heanor Town; Appleby Fredingnam v Sutton Town; Bentley Victoria v Amold: Beston v Spalding Utt; Eastwood Town v Emley; Guleborough Town v Guleeley; Bridlington Tronty v Belger Town; Reston Town v Winterton Rangers; Thackley v

NORTHERN CEAGUE (2.15): First division:
Ashington v Blyin Spartans; Crook v
Billingham: Evenwood v Shidom; Farrylli v
Greins; Hordon v South Bank; Tow Law v
Consett; Whitby v Sparnymoon; Whittiey Bay v
North Shields. DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Esh Viening v Durham City.

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCHES Bekenheed Park v Liverpool... Blackheath v Wasps (2.15). Bridgend v Cardiff Ebbw Vale v Mosely Moucester v Plymouth Albio

Harrogete v Roundhay (2.30) Henot's FP v Boroughmuir (2.15)... Kelso v Almyrck (2.15) Lianell v S Wales Police Matrosa v Jed-Forest (2.15) ercy Park v Hartiepool Rovers (2.0). Rugby v Nottingham (2.30)... Sale v Wimslow (2.30)....

Waterloo v New Brighton (2.30) West of Scotland v Jordanhill (2.15)... SCOTTEN INTER-DISTRICT Ethnburgh v North and Midlanda (at Muraylield, 1,0) ... South v Gasgow (at Hawick, 2.0)..

Stawart's Majville FP v Haddington (2.15)...

Vale of Lune v Chester (2.50)

Wakafield v Headingley (2.30).

OTHER SPORT endos Lesgue, pro-

ICE HOCKEY, British League, promi division: Fite Flyers v Dundee Rockets (7.0).

BOXING DAY First division Birminoham v Nottinoham F

Everton y Sunderland ... locarich y Wolverhampton iceater v Q P Rangers (11.30). Notts County v Liston (11.30) .. Stoke v Norwich Tottenham v Arsenel (11.9). Wasterd v Alem Vise (12.0). omwich A v Liverpoo

West Ham v Southampton (11.30)

Second division maley v Cambridge U . Cardiff v Swanson (11.30)... C Pelace v Brighton Fulham v Derby ... Grimsby v Shelfield W . Leeds v Huddersfield Manchester C y Oldham Middlesbrough v Carlisle

ycastie v Blackburn.

mouth v Charlton (11.30)... Shrewsbury y Chelsea ALLIANCE PREMER LEAGUE: Abrincham v Bangor City; Enfield v Sarnet (11.0); Frickley v Boston Urd. (13.0); Katering v Wasidstone; balckarne v Dagenham (11.0); Runcom v Northwich Vic: Tallord Urd. v Nureaton: Trowbridge v Batt; Weymouth v Ysovil (11.0); Worceater v Kidderminster (11.0).

STHMAN LEAGUE: Premier Division:
Biliaricay v Harlow (11.0): Blahop's Stortlord v
Historis: Bognor, Regie v Worthing: Bromley v
Duhejch H.; Carshelton v Sutten Ind. (11.15):
Creydon v Tooting & Alkcham; Harrow v
Hendon; Slough Th. v Wycombe Wirs. First
Zeleston; Checham v Corford City (at Aylesbury)
(11.30); Feithers v Kingstonian (11.0); Hampton
v Mot Police; Heritord v Chehum! (11.0); Lewes
v Leatherhead; Windsor and E v Maldenhead. Second Division: Berton Rivrs v Latchworth (11.0): Dorking v Southalt; Hungerford v Newbury: St Albans v Finchley (11.0): Tring v Hernel H; Uxbridge v Egham; Ware v Epping.

WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstapie v Bideford (2.30); Chippenham v Melisham (11.0); Clandown v Devizes (11.0); Clavedon v Bratel Manor Farm (11.0); Devilish v Liskeard (2.30); Exmouth v Phymouth (11.0); Prome v Western Super-Mann (11.0); Minched v Taumon (10.45); Wellington v Saltash (11.0).

Third division

Burnley y Bradford Gillingham v Southend Millwell v Orient (11.30). Oxford U v Bristol R... Plymouth v Exeter. Preston v Port Vale

Wigan v Bolton (11-0).

Fourth division Aldershot v Reading Bristol C v Stockport. Bury v Rochdale (3.15). Denoester v Northampton (12.0). Halifax v York ... Hartiepool v Darlington

Peterborough v Colches

Torquay v Swindon

Wrexham v Chester... SOUTHERM LEAGUE Press Description of Coding (11.0), A.P. Learnington v Corby, Cheltenham v Gloucester (11.30); Dardford v Gravesend (11.0); Farsing Tin v Gosport, Fisher Art. v Chelmelord (11.0); Flastings v Folkstone; King's Lynn v Weileng Utd. Stourbridge v Beckerrin (11.0); Witney Tr. v Dorchetster. Hiddend Division: Barbury v S. Rusby; Forest Ch v Bridgevater (10.45); Lalcester Utd v Shepshed C (11.0); Methyr Tv Briddentis, Milton Keyes v Aylesbury (11.0); Moor Green v Tamaorin (11.0); Obbary v Covernry Sporting (11.0); Redditch Utd v Bromsgrove Rvrs (11.0); Wellingborn v Rusadder; Willenhalt V Dudley (11.0); Southern Division: Basingstoles v R S Southampton; Canterbury v Dover; Chaltham v Thanet (11.0); Craveley v Ashford; Dunstable v Hounslow (11.0); Erith and B v Tonahodge (11.0); Hillingdon v Additestone (11.30); Poole v Andover; Selebury v Cambridge City.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Berrow v Workington: Burton Ab. v Stafford Rangers (11.0): Buaten v Matteck: Chorley v Horwlick Gainsborough v Worksop (11.0): Granthern v Goole: Hyde Utd. v Sth. Liverpool; Macclesheld v Oswestry; Marine v Rityt; Southport v Morecombe; Wilton Alb. v Mossley.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Accrington Stan v Leyland Motors: Congleton v Leek; Curzon Ashton v Ashton, Formby v Netherfieldf. Lancaster v Prescot Cables; Radoliffe Boro v Boote; St Hatens v Darwen; Statybridge Celbo v Caernarion; Winstord v

Scottish premier division Scottish first division

Allos v Hamilton Avr v Clvde .. Falkirk v Kilmamock Mortos v Brechin..

Partick v Dumbarton Scottish second division Cowdenbeath v Stephousemuir. Dunfermiine v Stirling East Fife v Queen's Park ... East Stirling v Albion

RUGBY UNION

Bath v Clifton Bedford v Old Paulines . Broughton Pk v Sale . Gloucester v Lydney Lianefi v Ldn. Welsh....... Ldn. Irlsh v O Milihilians (2.30)... viey v Coventry... Newport v Stit. Glam. Inst. Northampton v Saracens (3.30) . Nuneaton v Rugby (11.00)..... Otley v Morle Portypool v Cross Keys. Preston Grasshoppers v Fylde (2.38), Swensoa'v Glemorgen Wdrs..... Vale of Lune v Kendal (2.15)... W Hartepool v Hartiepool R (2.15). ThinkAir mitter TABLE: Old Alleymens v Old Whightians, Old Colleiens v Old Shootershill

RUGBY LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION: Bradford v Widnes (3.30); Cestleford v Wakefield T (11.30); Leads v Fuham, Orcham v Satford, Wigan v St Helens. SECOND DIVISION: Blackpoot B v Kalpiñoy (2.30); Bramley v Doricaster (11.00); Devesbury v Basley (11.00); Huddensfield v Halfas (11.00); Huyton v Barrow (2.30); Swinten v Rochdale H; York v Hanslet (11.30); Woodington v Certisle (2.30). HOCKEY CLUB MATCHES Bromley XI v Bandha: Cheam v President's XI; Horley v Crowborough; Old Edwardians v Old Tauntonians; Old Whitpittens v Old Mid-

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North: Cheshiri Lancashire (Bowtlen, 2.15). OTHER SPORT

RUGBY LEAGUE Advantage is with Widnes

By Keith Macklin The busy Boxing Day programmincludes not merely the use outstanding derby games, but a top of the table encounter. The present leaders. Bradford Northern, enter lain the perennial challengers, Widnes in a game which should give Odsal its biggest crowd of the widnes are recovering from their recent crop of injuries and are building up to full strength for the final of the John Player Trophy. Northern, who had to struggle describe against Fulham, may find a

dourly against Fulham, may find a rejuvenated and fit Widnes side a little too much for them.

The chances of Fulham gaining their first away win seem as remote as ever. A couple of months ago they might have taken advantage of Leeds's fall from grace but the Headingley team are unbeaten since the arrival of the new coach, Maurice Bamford, and have reached the final of the John Player Trophy. The other first division games are

appetezing derbies between Castle-ford and Wakefield Trinity. Oldham and Salford and the traditional Boxing Day game between Wigan and St Helens.

In the second division. Bramley, playing better now, can take a couple of points at home to Dineaster. Barrow, the runaway league leaders, should have oo difficulties at Huyton. There are many morning kick-offs and these include the Castleford

offs and these include the Castleford game. and those at Bramley, Dewsbury v Bailey, Huddersfield v Halifax, and York v Hunslet.

Two games are played onn Tuesday: Hull's home fixture against the slowly reviving Featherstone Rovers, their conquerors at Wembley in May, and the derby game between Warrington and Leigh.

FOR THE RECORD

Leigh.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE Philodophia Flyers 5, New Jersey Nots 0; "Quobec Nordicques 4, Montreal Canadiens 1; Mirnesota North Stars 4, Boston Builns 2; New York Islanders 6, Washington Capitals 1. WEIGHT-LIFTING

SOFIA: Clean-and-jeric 1, N Terflyski (Bul). 150.5 kg (world record).

Ovett: not saved by the bell

From Ian Brayshaw, Melbourne

fast bowler, has withdrawn from the team for the fourth Test match against Pakistan. plarting here on Boxing Day, secause of a back injury. He will be replaced in the 12 by John viaguire, of Queensland.

Australia lead 1-0 in the series but their selectors have almost thrown it wide open with their puzzling decisions to overlook the claims of the fast bowler, Rackemann, that he was fit enough to resume after missing the third Test through injury, and to include a couple of relatively unknown spinners. Matthews and Bennett

Rackemann, a tall and awkward customer, earned a huge psychological advantage over the Pakistani batsmen in the first two Tests, Having proved his fitness during the week, he looked certain to be recalled to try to regain some of Australia's edge, which appeared to evaporate when the tourists had three centurymakers in their only innings in the third Test. Instead, the selectors called up for the first time bowler, Maguire, a tall, lean, right-arm fast-medium bowler, who has developed into a good into-the-wind performer.

The choice of Matthews, aged 24, a busy, right-arm orthodox spinner and handy late middleorder batsman, is remarkable. His credentials read: II firstclass games, 23 wickets at 34.73 each, career-best performance sufficiently for him to be three for 41; career-best batting counted as a bowler in a fivethree for 41; career-best batting performance 86 in a total of 495 runs, average 41,25.

only three games this season for total of eight wickets, five of Sheffield Shield game last into a round hole. weekend. In his favour it must member of the New South to win a test series, invariably it

Rodney Hoge, the Australian Wales side last season, with the good return of 36 wickets, a performance which won him a tour to Zimbabwe with the Australian youth team.

So the Australian attack, which looked so formidable in the first two Tests, then showed signs of vulnerability in the third, now begins to look paperthin. The pace bowlers are Lawson (with 11 wickers from the three Tests). Lillee (seven) and Maguire, and they have huge contract to try to wrest the initiative away from the Pakis-

The turf which has provided wickets at the Melbourne ground for decade after decade has been completely replaced and 10 inches beneath the new surface is an electric blanket which has stimulated excellent early-season growth. So, for once, the forecast is for a good cricket wicket.

The Pakistanis, no doubt bolstered by their good per-formance in Adelaide, when Australia had to scramble on the last day to avoid defeat, will go into this game with a warm glow of confidence that they can turn the tables and level the series. Their captain, Imran Khan, has been given the all-clear to play, but, strangely, his availability could almost prove an embarrassment when it comes to naming the 11 starters.

There is some doubt that Imrans leg injury has cleared up day game, and that is where the complications lie. Logically he Bennett, aged 27, bowls left- could replace, and bat usefully arm orthodox. He has played but failed twice with the bat in his first appearance last weekend and is looking somewhat them in the first innings of a like a square peg trying to fit

Whenever there is specube said that he was a regular lation about Pakistani's ability

day. Carr was unable to contact Botham yesterday.

Knott stays on



Imran: back again, and looking for victory

centres on the wiles of the spinner. Qadir. However, having seen him fail the test when everything was going his way in Adelaide, one doubts whether he has the ability to provide a match winning performance on Australian wickets.

If Pakistan are to win - and one senses they just might - it will be because they have begun to bat to potential and are at last bowling with a plan and a purpose. And as they prepare for this game they might well cast their minds back to the last

time the two teams met on the Melbourne ground. That was two years ago, when Pakistan batted first, declared at 500 for eight and then bowled Australia out twice to win by an innings and plenty.

AUSTRALIA (from): K J Hughes (cuptain), K C Wessels, W B Phillips, A R Border, G S Chappell, G N Yallop, R W Marsh, J Maguire, M Bennett, G Matthews, D K Lillee, G F Lawson. Maunews, D.K. Lillee, G.F. Lawson.
PAKISTAN (from): Imran Khan (captain),
Mudasser Nazar, Mchsin Khan, Casim
Omar, Javed Miandad, Zaheer Abbas,
Saim Mailk, Rashid Khan, Abdul Cadir,
Wasim Bari, Gartraz Nawaz, Azeem
Hafeez.

W Indian innings back on even keel

century by Alvin Kallicharran helped carry the unofficial West Indian team to comparative safety on the opening day of their four-day match against a South African XI

Kallicharran and his captain Lawrence Rowe, put on 154 for the fourth wicket in 201 minutes to take the score to 241 after their side had slumped to 87 for three. They progressed to 250 for four, when bad light ended play 50 minutes early. Kallicharran finally fell for 103 shortly before the close, but Rowe remained unbeaten on 66.

Three leading mroke-players fell in the opening 20 overs. Barchus a finger when he was struck by a ball from le Roua, After treatment Bacchus said be would bat again if

The touring team, who won the toss, were 97 for three at hunch. Trotman thrashed 21 in 27-balls, as the West Indians raced to 34 in six overs, before he played an injudicious back-foot drive and edged le Roux's widish away swinger to second slip.

Bacchus had made 19 when he was forced to leave the field. Kafficharran and Lynch added 42 in even time before Lynch and King fell in the space of an over. Lynch holed out at mid-on against the off spinner, Kourie, and King hooked the accord ball he faced from Rice straight into long leg's hands.
Kallicharran moved to his 50 in 135

minutes, off 86 balls, but was never troubled as he moved to within sight of his first century of the tour. At lea he was 88 not out, with Rowe, who began uncertainly, particularly against the leg spin of Hobson, reaching his 50 just before the break on an easy-paced pitch.

WEST INDIANS: First Innings F A F Bacchus, retired hurt.

N Trotman C Pollock b to Rous.

A Lynch e Hobson b Kouste.

Italianevan e Hobson b to Rous.

L King a Jeffrice b Plan.

G Howe not out.

Total (4 wkcs) 250 F da C Stephenson, D R Perry, E A Moseley and S T Clarte to bat, FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-86, 3-87, 4-241. 80 MLDMG: Le Roux 15-2-47-2; Jetteries 13-0-61-0; Kourie 24-2-65-1; Rice 11-2-25-1; Hobson 10-1-35-0; Kirsten 1-0-4-0.

SOUTH APRICAN Xt. S. J. Cook, Fotheringham, P. N. Kirsten, R. G. Pothock, K. S. McEwan, C. E. B. Rice, A. J. Kourie, T. R. V. Jannings, S. T. Jeffries, G. S. in Rose, D. Hoberon,

Rain washes out first day of Test

Madras, (Reuter) - Incessant rain has already washed out today's opening day in the sixth and final Test match between India and West Indies. The ground is waterlogged

and further rain is forecast.

The match will not affect the outcome of the series in which West outcome of the series in water west Indies have a winning 3-0 lead.

The pitch has been protected by the best covering facilities at any Test venue in India and the ground has a reputation for draining

Elaborate arrangements have also been made to mop up the outfield, but several hours of sunshine will be

playable condition.
Test matches in Madras have Lloyd is now non-committal about been hit by rain more often than at any of the regular centres, this being the third instance in the last six his future in international cricket, but after scoring two hundreds and two fifties in the current series, he This Test could be Clive Lloyd's

last as West Indies' captain. He relinquished the leadership after his countrys defeat by India in the Prudential World Cup final atto stay on for at least the current

previously beaten the New Zealanders.

The start of the Sydney to Hobart

race promises to be spectacular with

a record 178 yachts lining up for the

mass departure from Sydney
Harbour. Yachting interest in
Australia is high after the America's
Cup; the usual large number of
spectators that take to the harbour

in all sizes of boats, and crowd every promotory around it, is expected to be doubled this year.

Towering over the rest of the fleet

will be the maxi yachts which have been contesting the South Pacific maxi championships, run concurrently with the Southern Cross Cup. The largest of these are Marvin Creen's Nirvana from the United

States and Bob Bell's Condor, which was registered in Bernuda and built in Penryn, Comwall. Both are \$1 fort long and will be trying to break the course around Condon business.

the course record, Condor having

set a record for the Fastnet race carlier this year and Nirvana having achieved a similar feat in the

SOUTHERN CROSS CUP: 1, New Zeeland, 30: pts; 2, Britain 280; 3, Hongkong, 258, SOUTI

PACIFIC MAXI CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, Nevero (US): 2. Condor (Bermuda); 3, Freight Trais (M

might be inclined to continue playing, even if he decides to step down from the captainty. With the start of the Test likely to be delayed at least until Monday, neither side was inclined to name their team yesterday. West Indies are expected to pick their !! from

Lloyd, who celebrated his thirty-ninth birthday just before setting announced before the fifth Test.

RACKETS

Spurling's service is decisive

By William Stephens

on the H.K. Foster Cup which include William Surtees and Howard Angus, former world champions, and the prime minis-ter's son Mark Thatcher. Spurling defeated Alan Giddins, the Etonian second seed, 15-1, 15-4, 15-6 in the final at Queen's Club.

Having been severely tested in the previous day's semi-final by Rupert Owen-Browne, aged 16, his former partner in the schools doubles championship winning pair, Spurling yesterday seized the initiative through service. His sharply-cut service from the left box and a particularly effective back-hand service from the right hand service from the right bemused his opponent. Giddins nervously lunged forward taking several faults volley off the side wait and hit down, and when he rook the ball from round the walls the limitations of his double-handed backhand stroke were exposed, his swing being constricted by cramped footwork.

Spurling has assessed the consist-

Spurling has assessed the consist nt accuracy of Giddin's service so

too high off the wall from where spuring drove the ball to a length out of his reach.

Despite Giddins's gritty resistance in the third game, when spuring made his mistakes, the Toularidgean outclassed his opponent by keeping the pressure tight and never letting him gain control. This talented all-round games player goes up to Trinity Hall.

Radley produced both finalists for the Renny Cop. Concily Morris-Adams beat James Hunter 15-9, 15-2, 15-12 by placing the ball with studied care, yet he was confident enough to kill the ball inches above the board from the back of the

above competition was of Rupert Owen-Browne, and not as stated.

BOXING

introduced by the World Boxing Council as the No.1 contender for

Australia almost at breaking point as the Swedes relax

Davis Cup final between Australia
and Sweden only two days away,
neither country is certain of which
players to select. Both Neale Fraser,
the Australian contain for the meaning for the mean of the second for the meaning the second for the second fo the Australian captain for the past 13 years, and the Swedish coach Hans Oisson are expected to reveal their selections just before the draw at Kooyong on Christmas morning.

Fraser admitted after a day-lone practice session that the position has never been more open." He said he would have a deep think before making his decision. His main problem revolves around the temperamental teenager Pai Cash, he chief protagonist among the Australian team. He has been told by Fraser to cool his hot-headed attitude during practice sessions. Cash and John Fitzgerald were the key players in Australia's semi-final victory over France but Fitzgerald, too. has caused concern since. chiefly because he has suffered from inconsistent form and tension this

Either one of them could be replaced by the lively Paul McNamee, who partners Mark Edmondson in the doubles. Both players showed sparkling singles form as they practised on the centre court. McNamee demonstrated that he deserves serious consideration for a singles spot while Edmondson, described by Fraser as looking "as strong as a bull," played near perfect and volley tennis. He must also be in the running for a place in

Sapsford last to go By Lewine Mair Danny Sapsford, the last British gifted Mary Jo Fernandez, who only epresentative in the boys' compellast year won the 12 and unders

ost 6-3, 6-3 to Fransico Montana, of In spite of his defeat. Sapsford, a marvellously entertaining little player, must have left the court very Suzie Mair, Alison Grant and Jo Louis leave Miami for Boston on much happier than Montana's three previous victims, none of whom had contrived to take a game from

titions in the Orange Bowl world junior championships in Miami.

Sapsford's encouraging performance in reaching the last 16 was matched by Julie Donovan and Anne Sumpkin in, respectively, the 12 and under girls and the 14 and under sections, Miss Donovan, who won the Royal Palm Christmas Classic a few miles down the road the week before, bowed out to Pam Coiffi; Miss Simpkin was beaten by Miss Coffi's older sister.

the second seed.

Now along with Teresa Catlin, who went out in the last 32 to the

The cup runneth over Düsseldorf (Reuter) - Six of the world'd top eight players, the strongest field to date, have agreed to take part in the 1984 World Team

selection of the main teams -

Cup for record prize-money of \$531,000. The annual contest on the Argentina, Australia, Italy, Czechos-lovakia, holders Spain, Sweden, and clay courts of the Rochus Club here the United States, who are competing for a first prize of \$200,000 - was based on current from May 21 to 27, vies with the Davis Cup as the unofficial world team championship.
The organizers said that Ivan individual computer rankings of the Lendi, of Czechoslovakia. John McEnroe and Jimmy Arias, of the Unted States. Mats Wilander of Association of Tennis Professionals. An eighth (wild card) team will be announced nearer the starting date.

Following the incident, Fraser sat down with Cash for a quiet, private "talk about things in general."

In contrast to all the uneasiness in the home camp, the Swedes appeared utterly relaxed, although they, 100, are uncertain about their line-up. There is a feeling among the Scandanavians despite non-commi-tal comments from Olsson, that Joakim Nystrom may be given the second singles berth instead of Anders Jamed

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Those follows Nystrom's triumph, not only against Cash in the New South Wales Open semi-final last week, but his victory over the American Mike Bauer in the final. Earlier in the tournament Bener had defeated Jarryd, who in spite of his excellent past Davis Cup record may only be used in the doubles, He as one of the top three combinations in the world.

The pressure is obviously going to be on Mats Wilander, Sweden's number one since his remarkable Australian Open victory. He is expected to win both his singles. By playing doubles only in Sydney last week. Wilander appears to have sharpened up his serve-and-volley game which is absolutely essential for grass court tennis. He has also

competition, moved on to New

York to play in the Rolex International tournament at Port

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December 27 to meet up with the

LTAs women's national team manager, Sue Mappin. The five will play in three satellites events before

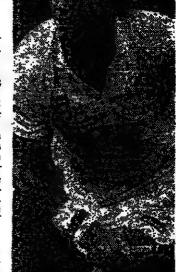
returning to Britain towards the end

longe by the Spanish contingent saw three of their squad reach the quarter-final round of the under 18

men's competition. Jose Bardou

beat Richie Reneberg of the United States, 6-2, 6-2. David de Miguel defeated Valerio Bocchitto, of Venezuela, 6-4, 6-0 and after dropping the first set to Joe Bugner, of the United States, Emilia Sanchez went on to win 5-7, 6-2, 6-0.

of January.



Cash: feeling the tension

preference for a singly-handed backhand over his best shot which is hit double-fisted.

As if Fraser did not have enough problems with his players, the weather and the state of the centire court have also concerned him. With no beatwave predicted the forecast is in favour of the Swedes, who had no complaints after practising on the well-grassed surface. All the players were slipping but it was Fraser, who said he felt the surface was "very greasy and dangerous". The Australian cracks are certainly showing.

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Byes for top four in Masters

New York (Reuter) - Mars Wilander, Ivan Lendl, John McEn-roe and Jimmy Connors, seeded one to four respectively, were given first round byes in yesterday's draw for the \$400,000 Masters tournament. the \$400,000 Masters tournament.

The New York tournament, for the top 12 points winners on the grand prix circuit, opens on January 10 with the sixth-seeded Jimmy Arias playing his fellow American, Johan Krick, seeded 12, and Jose Higueras (7), of Spain, facing Jose Luis Clerk (9), of Argentine, Yannick Noah (5) of France, Andres Gomez (8) of Ecuador, Eliot Teltscher (10), of the United States and Tomas Smid (11) of Czechosłovalcia complete the entry.

Provided there are no surprises,

the semi-final line-up will be: Wilander v McEnroe and Lendt v Connors. The winner will receive \$100,000 and the \$100,000 and the runner-up \$60,000. Peter Fleming and John McEnroe, five times Masters doubles champions, are again seeded first, with Anders Jarryd and Hans Simonsson, of Sweden,

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Life at the top of the slopes is hard for the unsung heroes

Uphill struggle for Britain's World Cup downhill skiers

The downhill skiers of Switzerland and Austria are national heroes but their almost un-known challengers from Britain face an uphill struggle for

honours. While skiing is a way of life for many in the Alps. it is a minority sport for the British and, for those who compete internationally, an expensive and little-recognized passion which calls for extra motiv-

ation. "There's intense competition to get into the Austrain and Swiss teams and their skiers have outside pressure to succeed," Britian's brightest hope Martin Bell, aged 19, said.

"A British skier faces little pressure, so you need extra personal motivation", Bell said. after finishing fourteenth in a World Cup downhill here, his best result to date. This resort in German-speak-

ing northern Italy was the scene of Britian's finest skiing hour of recent years when Konrad Bartelski came second in a World Cup downhill two seasons ago.

But that unexpected British achievement was dismissed by many who saw Bartelski's surname and assumed the British-born sportsman was a Pole skiing for Britain. Four months travelling round the mountains of Europe to race in the World Cup is an expensive business for Bell, his brother Graham, aged 17, and Freddie Burton, the most experienced member of the British team. Equipment is no problem as manufacturers either give or loan the dozen skis, various helmets, boots, suits, goggles



creation by an Alsatian called André Speckbacher is two feet long and

eight inches wide and fits snagly into a rucksack. For those who are figuring on a short glissade down the white gradients of Chamonix or Meribel this hollday, the name of the ski is Figl.

minibus provides transport. Costs are partly met by grants

and other sponsors but, as for many non-professional sports in Britain, all expenses are rarely covered. Parents have to dig deep into their pockets to keep their sons as full-time skiers either training or competing abroad for up to eight months

might make a little money but in the Cairngorms.

you're among the best." The three skiers have hired

an Austrain coach. Franz Oberleitner, for the World Cup season but have none of the technicians whose preparation of skis is often decisive for other teams. Martin and Graham Bell take turns to wax and hone the edges of their skis.

you get into the top 100, you in national junior competitions



Botham case unresolved Day and Preston 24 hours later. The cricketers leave Britain next Thurs-

Donald Carr, the secretary of the test and County Cricket Board, will make one lest attempt today to dissuade Iau Botham from playing football for Scunthorpe United over Christmas, Carr will ask Botham to make the forthcoming England tour to New Zealand, Pakistan and Fiji – his first whority his first priority.

Carr said yesterday: I know that I an has got himself lit and enjoys playing soccer for Scunthorpe but his lirst priority must be to the tour team. I spoke to the Scanthorpe manager Allan Clarke today and he feit it was up to Ian to decide whother he played football or not.

HOCKEY Cheshire to settle

argument By Sydney Friskin

An argument will be settled in the traditional Boxing Day match between Cheshire and Lancashire at Bowden, (2.15). Lancashire need to win but a draw will be enough to take Cheshire into the preliminary round of the county championship, where they will play Warwickshire at home on January 29.

Bowden is a lucky ground for Cheshire, who won twice there before the event was switched last year to Liverpool Sefton, where Lancashire won 2-0 and went on to take the county title. Lancashire's performances this season have been disappointing but they are hoping to

raise their game.

The bad news for Cheshire is that Buchan, their outside right, is out of action with a back injury and Robbie Smith, their centre forward, has lendon trouble. He is in the squad but is unlikely to play. In Buchan's absence Grimley, from the England under-21 squad, takes over as right wing and Greene will probably lead the attack which is well equipped on the left with Renchaw and Brogdon controlling this flank.

Lancashire have lost Nicolson who has opted out in favour of the indoor game, but with Egerton, Scottish international. Tottey, Jolly Campbell and Hurry all available, their attack doew not lack sharp-

down south another traditional match will take place on the same day at Cheam when the President's XI will play the club first XI (11.0). Tony Bennett, the club president, having earlier relied, to his disadvantage, too many players who have seen their best days, has now recruited several players still on the

GYMNASTICS

By Peter Aykroyd

Gympastics' trend of developing high-risk moves means that the artistic side of the sport is losing out, Eberhard Gienger, the former West German world horizontal bar champion, said at the national and regional coaches conference at Lilleshall national sports centre this

long run fewer gymnasis would be prepared to tackle them and so the sport's popularity would contract. Artistic expression was the basis of modern gymnastics and it should continue to be a major influence.

Alas Knott, the former England wicketkeeper, has signed a new one-year contract with Kent. Brian Luckhurst, Keut's cricket manager said yesterday: "We reckon be is still the best wicketkeeper-batsman in the world."

YACHTING

Britons sail in by 13 runs

relaxation here yesterday for the British team contesting the Southern Cross Cup. Lying second to the New Zealanders, the team were leaving no stone unturned in their preparations for the final event. The Sydney to Hobart race. This blue water classic, which starts on Boxing Day, counts for triple points and the British are hoping for a continuation of the variable conditions that have characterized the series so far. Although the New Zealand yachts -

Pacific Sundancer, in particular - are fast, British tactics are superior,

Ocean, off Western Australia.

In more relaxed atmosphere

Today's premier division match in the London League between Teddington and Slough has been postponed.

Putting art at risk

He contended that, while danger-ous moves were speciacular, in the poor in two-thirds of the events," he added, listing swimming, some track eventsand football. He said China would enlist Brazilian coaches to groom their

From John Roberson, Sydney It was a mixed day of work and so constant changes of conditions would be to their advantage.

All three British yachts were hauled out of the water early yesterday morning to have their bottoms and keels scrubbed before the sun got too hot; sails were laid out to dry in the park next to the marina and checked for possible damage. For some Britons this is their first experience of Christmas in the sunshine, so after work it was relaxation, Australian style. A game of cricket, accompanied by a few tins of beer, was one match the British won, beating the Australians by 13 runs. 'The home team had

Jones, said: "We are determined to

have the best assessment of the race environment. We are striving for perfection and we'll do anything we

can which might give us an extra few

mches.

"We are monitoring wave beights and patterns and wind strengths now because this is the time of the year

Preliminary racing begins in three years' time, with the first race in defence of the Cap on January 31,

when the defence will be held."

Head start for Australians

Perth (AFP) - The Royal Perth Yacht Club, new holders of the America's Cup, have launched their campaign to defend the trophy during the 1987 series in the Indian Ocean off Western Americalia

The Alan Bond syndicate have begun scientific evaluations of the course, between City Beach and Rottnest Island, the state's most have a significant influence on the type of boat to be built.

The syndicate director, Warren

Chinese launch full scale challenge Team of 200 for the Games

Peking, (Reuter) - China will send 200 competitors to the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles even thouth they have a long way to go to catch up in some events, a senior sports official said yesterday. This will be China's first full appearance at the Olympics since the revolution in 1949, the Chinese Olympic Committee spokesman Wu Zhongyuan said at a news conference. "We don't think we will get very good results" he said.

But Wu added that Chinese competitors stood a chance of winning medals in seven or eight exerts including a conversion.

withing inscass in seven or eight events including symmastics, diving, shooting, women's volleyball, some track and field events, weightlifting and perhaps fencing and archery. "In other events we have a long way

to catch up," he said. China will also take part in men's basketball, swimming, judo, wrest-ling, cycling, rowing, canoeing and

yachting.
Chinese sporting success was set back by the lack of international competition and by the late Chairman Mao Tietung's radical political campaigns culminating in the cultural revolution from 1966-76. It is only now catching up. Wussid the Chinese athletes had reached international standards in about a third of the 40 sports practised in China. "That's to say we are still pretty poor in two-thirds of the events," be

football players next year, and Bulgarians have been helping with rhythmicgymnastics. Whether China enters further events in Los Angeles such as men's

volleyball and water polo, will depend on performances in qualification tournaments early next year, Wusaid According to Wu. China's first Olympic entry was a one-man squad and his coach at the 10th Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1932. The athlete, a sprinter, came nowhere. After the 1949 revolution China sent some competitors to the 1952 Helsinki Games but they were late and took part only in the swimming.

Paris (AFP) - A Chinese team will compete for the first time in a French 50 metre pool at an international swimming meeting in Strasbourg from January 20 to 22. The party of 10, including six swimmers, will remain in France for the Boulogue-Billancourt short-course meeting, which a Chinese team last attended in 1982.

The Strasbourg gala, established only last year, has attracted entries

Next Februay at Sarajevo, a squad of 40 Chinese will enter speed and figure skating, alpine and Nordic sking, and the biathlon.

For the 1984 Olympics, the Chinese government is investing three million yuan (\$1.5m) for training, housing, transport and extra food to supplement the usually austere Chinese diet, about 100 coaches, doctors and officials will accompany the competitors.

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In Los Angeles, the organizers said that like any good business, the corporate-sponsored 1984 summer Olympic Games should make a

China then left the International Clympic Committee because the IOC recognized Taiwan. They rejoined in 1979 – just in time to boycott the 1980 Moscow Games because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

The Chinese attended the Winter California, and 20 per cent to the governing bodies of US sports Olympics in Lake Placid in 1979.

Big entry for Strasbourg gala holder of the world 400 metre and 1,500 metre records, will be the big

> The United States will not be competing in Strasbourg, but England and West Germany will be there. The Strasboary meeting will include diving water polo and a demonstration of synchronized

Adrian Spurling, of Tonbridge, vesterday joined the roll of public schools rackets singles champions

Following the extraordinary success of the Tonbridge second pair of older brother Jonathan Spuring and Graham Cowdrey in reaching the final of the Noel Bruce Cup last month, the school's supporters witnessed at yesterday's final an exhibition of total dominance from probably the best player they have produced since

em accuracy of Usodin's service so when his opponent was in hand, the Toubridgean attacked by volleying. In the rallies Spuring's correct single-handed technique, balance and footwork were superior and he ruthlessly outpaced and outman-ocuvred Giddins who hit the ball soo high off the wall from where Spurifice drove the hall to a benefit

player goes up to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, next year.

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Sugar Ray Leonard will be

THE Skil that looks as if it has stubbed its toes on a French Alp. Short and stubby is the new chic on the slopes this Christmas. This

and gloves needed; a sponsor's you won't cover your costs until

of the year.
"It's a double burden for our parents, who aren't particularly skiers, found their way into the well off," Martin Bell said "If team after they were singled out

The Bells, like other British skiers, found their way into the

CONDITIONS AT EUROPEAN SKIING CENTRES

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Kempton Park

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1.35 BICKERTON HURDLE (Handicap: \$2,329: 2m 4f) (12) R Lemb ...G Brackey

S Optom/ MACS PARK J Haddon) M W Dickinson 5-10-6 G Brackey
12, 406-05 CAP TOO (CDB) (R Beason) J Blundel 7-10-5 G Brackey
13-30100 - SUDERDOKE PARK (D) (C Hague) N Crump 5-10-0 S Hawkins
22, 60000-0 RICKOTSO (J Durn) H Weston 4-10-0 S Hawkins
23, 50004-3 SHUGRIE (Mars C Weightman) Mrs C Weightman 8-10-0 S Storey 4
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p-3-19-21
p-3-19-21
p-4-19-21
p-4-19-21 TGDu 11-10 Forgive N'Forget, 2 Brunton Park, 4 Red Mills, 10 Fox-U-More, 14 others

2.35 CASTLEFORD CHASE (Handicap: 23,616: 2m 50yd) (6) worth Boy. 5-2 Fearless Imp. 3 Little Bay, 7-2 Clayalde, 8 Sea Merchant, 16

3.10 CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o: £690: 2m) (15) 3.10 CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-c: £690: 2m) (16)
3 304ps AR SPACE J Elect J Perses 11-0
4 2 BRIGHT SHERRIFF (BF) (T Winterton) M W Dickinson 11-0
5 32e-400 COMPACTOR (A Hudson) A Watson 11-0
6 9-00 COMPACTOR (A Hudson) A Watson 11-0
11 0 LIVERPOOL RAMIBLER (T Summerfield) K Oliver 11-0
13 944 MALADHU (Mrs. A Robson) J FitzGerald 11-0
15 MR CHRIS (CDI. 44 Foods Lid M Naughton 11-0
16 9 WORTHURBERA-SPORT (T Barnet) R Fasher 11-0
17 P2223-0 GUDESA (D Balka) Denys Smith 11-0
19 9 STEARSEY (R Nursia) M W Esterby 11-0
20 9-90 TITCH (Mrs. A Coles) R Woodhouse 11-0
21 003 TRICKSHOT (D Hurn) K Stone 11-0
22 00 BRIGHT MRP (R Beshes) P Celver 10-9
23 LILCYLET (G Robinson) Arts G Revaley 10-9
24 MAGJOY (Miss D Cerron) C Wardman 10-9
25 9-2 SWOP SHOP (J Ermis) M H Essterby 10-9
26 Evens Bright Sherffi. 7-2 Swop Shop, 8 Maladhu, 7 Trickshot, 10 Compacto others. R Lamb A Stringer G W Gray

Wetherby selections

By Michael Seely
12.30 Money From America. 1.0 Prince Rowan, 1.35 Mas Park. 2.5 Forgive N Forget. 2.35 Badsworth Boy. 3.10 Bright Sherif.

George Syvret, the veteran amateur rider, has promised to give the Jockey Club a "very rough ride" in his continuing hattle to renew his lightern for the second of the se nothing wrong with him "physically or mentally."

The Jockey Club's doctor claims · Syret said.

in the state of th When we ride out it's always the kids who are blowing, not me."

Wayward Lad's

waiting game to pay off again

With Bregawn, Brown Chamberlin, Fifty Dollars Morp. The Mighly Mac and Wayward Lad all standing their ground for Monday's King George VI Steeplechase, this year's Boxing Day feature at Kempton Park is certainly living up to its high tradition. Those five are the winners of the Cheltenham Gold Cup. the Hennessy Coo-Gold Cup. the Hennessy Cog-nac Gold Cup, the Kennedy Construction Gold Cup; the SGB Steeplechase and of course

do not often get a better cocktail than that. However, Michael Dickinson said yesterday that Bregawn would only run if the going was good to soft. Bregawn will travel to Kempton and Dickinson will make a decision after walking the course.

The extraordinary aspect is that the "big five" are trained by just two men - Michael Dickinson and Fred Winter. Winter's own link with the race now goes back more than 30 years to 1952 when he rode Halloween to victory. In the meantime, more winning rides on Halloween again and Saffron Tartan and training successes with Pendil in successive seasons has ensured that his name will be revered for ever in Kempton's own hall of fame.

Recent years have seen another name dominate the history of the race - that of Dickinson in one guise of another: first Tony and thenhis son, Michael, thanks to the achievements of Gay Spartan. Silver Buck (twice) and Wayward Lad.

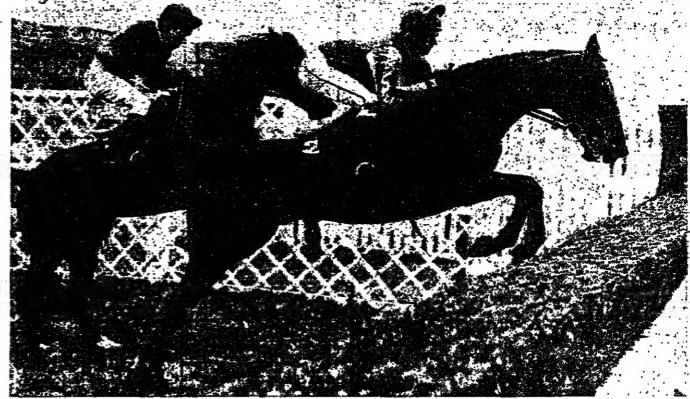
Now, with all respect to Roddy Armytage and Two Swallows - the only other runner declared for Monday's epic - only Winter stands in the way of the Dickinson family retaining their vice-like grip. With The Mighty Mac and Brown Chamberlin blazing the trail, it should be a marvellous spectacle. At the end of it all I

Gold Cup result - he was benten six and a half lengths by his stable companion, Bregawn -not to mention The Mighty Mac's amazing surge to the top this autumn, I still think that the King George itself and you Wayward Lad is Dickinson's natural first string for this race and the horse most likely to win it. He was at his peak when he beat Fifty Dollars More and Silver Buck 12 months ago and there is every reason to believe that he will outstay Fifty Dollars More once again,

> However, he was nowhere near his peak when he was beaten by Bregawn at Chelten-ham. It is common knowledge that he met with a setback in training which prevented him from running between Boxing Day and mid-March. However, Wayward Lad's preparation for Monday's race has gone without hitch, whereas Bregawn's reappearance was halted time and time again because of the ground this autumn and when he did finally reappear at Haydock 10 days ago he fell, albeit when holding a winning

chance. The Mighty Mac's victory at Ascot a week ago was impres-sive, but when analyzed it may not have been quite all that it was cracked up to be. Take a line through Approaching for instance. At Ascot The Mighty Mac gave that old war horse 22lb and a 26-length beating. At Newbury, the month before, Brown Chamberlin gave Approaching 17lb and a 35-

length beating.
This suggests that there should not be much between Brown Chamberlin and The



Wayward Lad shows the sort of spring-heeled jumping that has taken him to favouritism for the King George Chase

Mighty Mac at the end of the ding-dong struggle over three miles and that they could both be vulnerable when Robert Earnshaw decides that the moment is ripe to press the button on Wayward Lad.

Earlier in the afternoon the Ladbrokes Christmas Hurdle looks like being the perfect foil for the big steeplechase with the champion hurdler, Gaye Brief, and Dawn Run taking one another on again. At Liverpool last April there was only a length between the two at the end of the Templegate Hurdle. Now, on a pound better terms. Gaye Brief should confirm his

superiority. Earlier in the day, Desert Orchid is my idea of a banker bet to win the Foodbrokers Armour Novices Hurdle now that he is reverting to two miles after failing to stay further

Tracy's Special should be equally hard to beat in the Falklands Steeplechase after that emphatic victory over Plundering at Lingfield Park,

Remember Forgive N' Forget

Forgive N' Forget can take his first step along the road towards chasing fame by winning the John Haggas Memorial Novices' Chase at Wetherby on Monday. Brunton Park is Michael Dickinson's chosen representatives as the champion trainer attempts to capture all six races on his local track, but on their form together over hurdles Forgive N' Forget should prevail.

At Cheltenham last March, Jimmy Fitzgeraid's six-year-old landed the gamble of the meeting when beating Brunton Park in the Joe Coral Golden Hurdle final. Not only did the favourite win by three lengths, he was also conceding 12lb to his victim. On Monday they meet at level weights.

On his first appearance over

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On his first appearance over fences at Stratford in November, Forgive N' Forget failed only by a neck to beat Lettoch. More recently he was an expensive failure when falling at the eighth fence in the race won by Knock Hill at Doncaster. However, Fitzgerald excuses that lapse. "It wasn't his fault, he slipped going into the fence."

However Brunton Park fares, ickinson should win the Rowland Meyrick Chase with Prince Rowan. After winning four novice chases in succession for the stable last season. succession for the stable last season, Prince Rowan created a major surprise in the Tommy Whittle Chase at Haydock. Despite looking backwards in the paddock, he jumped like a buck before beating Little Ow! by five lengths, although he would probably only have finished second if Bregawn had not fallen at the third from home. Prince Rowan recorded a fast time and as he meets Little Ow! on 15th better terms, he is sure to start a shortterms, he is sure to start a shortpriced favourite.

Dickinson also has an outstand-Dickinson also has an outstanding chance of winning the remaining four races, it is difficult to oppose Badsworth Boy in the Castleford Handicap Chase. Last season this versatile horse was one of the easiest winners ever seen at the National Hunt Festival when beating Artifice by a distance in the Queen Mother Champion Chase. On his reappearance at Haydock, Badsworth Boy fell at the first fence in the race won

by Clayside, Peter Easterby's nine-year-old has obviously recaptured much of the ability which saw him win the Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham two seasons ago, but it is hard to see him beating Badsworth Boy with a 5th penalty.

Macs Park faces a more difficult task in the Bickerton Handicap Hurdle. The winner of two races of this type in Ireland a couple of seasons ago when trained by Jim Bolger, the six-year-old appears to be reasonably treated with 10st 6lb.

Lawnswood Miss is at the peak of her form at present. Before her

her form at present, Before her recent Doncaster victory Reg Hollinshead's mare would have won more decisively at Cheltenham if John O'Neill had not dropped his hands close home. FitzGerald also thinks that Prelko has recaptured the form that saw him win three handicaps last season. However, Macs Park still gets the vote.
Dickinson can also land a double at Market Rasen with Red Mills at Market Rasen with Red Mills (2.15) and Londologi (3.15).

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Huntingdon

12.30 ST IVO HURDLE (Div I: novices: £834: 2m 4f)

(16 runners)
1 4-221 CELTIC TIME A Turnel 5-11-7
2 2222 CHUCKBUCK S Smith 6-11-7Mr N Brookes 5-11-0Mr N Brookes
10 00- EASTER BRANDY P Alingham 5-11-0
12 340/0 GAMPLING FOX S Underful 7-11-0
14 9 LAZY BOOTS Mrs \$ Larryman 8-11-0 S Smith Eccles
15 0-040 MANNA BRIDGE D Gardolfo 5-11-0
16 034 MIGHTY GENERAL J Gifford 5-11-0 P Double 19 06-br QUALIFICATION (8) P Burgoyne 5-11-0 Shortham 4 21 09-04 SHACKLETONS FLEER R Shorth-11-0 SHoloham 4
19 00-fe/ QUALIFICATION (B) P Burgovine S-11-0
21 00-04 SHACKLETONS FLIER R Shaw 9-11-0 Holohan 4
23 TAR KNECHT R Center 6-11-0 Mr R Durmoody 7
24 pgp4- TOY TRACK T Foreign 5-11-0
25 @ WORTH AVENUE M C Chapman 7-11-0K Burke 7
26 3303- SKYBRIGHT G Blum 6-10-0
27 C-044 STAGGERERS LADY W Wherton 6-10-9
28 0-p00 TIC-ON-ROSE Mrs 8 Waring 6-10-9S Keightley
5-2 Cettle Time, 4 Alangrove Sound, 5 Marina Bridge, 7 Michity
5-2 Cettic Time, 4 Alangrove, Sound, 5 Manna Bridge, 7 Mighty General, 8 Chuckbuck, 12 Shackbetons Filer, 16 Staggerers Lady, 20
others.

1.0 PEPYS CHASE (handicap: novices: £1,558: 2m 40 (11)

4F) (11)

22-3 FLYING JACKDAW H O'Neti 7-11-7

1212 MASTER TERCES. (D) J Spenring 7-11-6

59-31 ROVAL TO DO T Foreiser 7-11-2

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502-3 SANDREK Miss F Gudden 10-11-0

201 JAMPAS SLAVE H O'Neti 7-10-7

201 JAMPAS SLAVE H O'Neti 7-10-7

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202-1 MARCROUSE RED (8) J Leigh 7-10-1

1022 LOMOT D Date 6-10-1

1031 JUST A GHOST Mrs. J French 7-10-0

Miss S French 4

11 Materia Tarrail A Rosel To Pa. 2 Security 19-1 8-11 Master Tercel, 4 Royal To Do, 8 Premier Charle, 12 Loriot, 16 Justines, Milliotous Red, 20 others.

1.30 OUSE HURDLE (handicap: £1,553: 2m 200yd) 2 1-242 ASH KUNG (BF) W Nacson 4-11-9 ____S Smith Eccles 4 3109 SKATEBOAND (CD) D A Wilson 7-11-5 _____ B McCourt 10 4041 SHOW BUSINESS J Weather 6-11-1 _____ B McCourt 11 8/424 KESSWCK N Gellaghan 8-10-12 _____ 12 8/109- TUTHILL BOND P Alengham 6-10-11 _____ 13 2322 ALFIE DICKIES (CD) [BF) R Hollinshead 5-10-10 _____ 15 1221 BROCKLEY SELLE C Spares 4-10-10 ______ 15 1221 BROCKLEY SELLE C Spares 4-10-10 SMchas
17 0-212 THE PPLONAT COD D Ringer 5-10-9 SMchas
19 10-22 SELENT ECHO A Blackmore 5-10-7 Mr R Dunwoody 7
21 2102- HAVONAR J Spering 5-10-7
22 211-0 WESTWAY LAD M Henchelfre 4-10-5
23 211-0 WESTWAY LAD M Henchelfre 4-10-5
24 3003 GUEXTHORN R Hartop 7-10-4 J Burlow
27 0100- BAZZYS BOY Mrs B Weintg 7-10-0
28 1000 SUPER BRAT Rex Certer 4-10-0
29 400 ABRICUNT J Leigh 6-10-0
30 4331/ RIVAL C Draw 5-10-0
31 pl-pb GALLEA W Guest 5-10-0 A Cooker

4 Show Business, 9-2 Ash King, 11-2 Sketeboard, 7 Afric Dickins, 8 Start Echo, 12 The Dickins, 14 others. 2.0 PORT HOLME CHASE (handicap: £1,282: 3m E 940-9 RASTER WELCOY W Hackett 12-11-7 7 034/p SEORE PLEASURE J Webber 9-11-1 9 33-3p TARZAN J Gittord 9-10-13 0 er22 RETHERBRIDGE D Gardolfo 5-10-11 1 8100 FAVOURITE FELLA A Chamberlain 11-10 letherbridge, 11-4 Sen Sperten, 4 Tarzan, 6 Black Magic, 12 15 others.

2.30 BOXING DAY CHASE (handicap: £1,238: 2m 100yd) (5) 100y(0) (2) 3 1341 RESTLESS SHOT (CD) J Webber 8-11-12 (5 as) G McCou 5 1229 ABERSING D Todd 8-11-4
6 939-2 JUBBLEE MEDAL N Henderson 5-10-11 S Smith Eccles
6 93-8 CYSTER PORD M McCourt 6-10-5
9 . 2011 FALKLAND PALACE (CD) D Gendollo 5-10-4 (S std)
P Berton P Berto: 11-8 Palkland Palece, 9-4 Jubilee Hedal, 3 Resilees Shot, 8 wreing, 20 Cyster Pond.

3.0 ST IVO HURDLE (Div II: novices: £780: 2m 4f) (14) STIVO HURDLE (Div II: novices: 2780
4 6-421 SHOW HOUSE J Gistord 5-11-7
7 60-90 CHAIL PIT N Heriderson 5-11-0
9 32/00 COLUTRIC A Backmore 6-11-0
10 9000 DIPALLINO B Charmy 7-11-0
11 8-0 FAMEL V PENTURE G Graham 6-11-0
12 pp. HAPPY HERO C Lee 5-11-0
13 0000 MARIGENT F Soldageon 6-11-0
14 9000 MARIGENT F SOLDageon 6-11-0
15 0000 MARIGENT F SOLDageon 6-11-0
16 10-0 MISSEL BED G Thomas 6-11-0
17 00-0 MISSEL BED G Thomas 6-11-0
19 PP-02 MALES AR Mrs. B Warting 6-11-0
19 PP-03 MALES AR Mrs. B Warting 6-11-0
19 PP-04 MALES AR Mrs. B Warting 6-11-0
19 PP-05 MALES AR Mrs. B Warting 6-11-0
19 PP-06 MALES AR Mrs. B Warting 6-11-0
11-10 Show House. 5-2 Rates At 8 Machin Diable. 40
11-10 Show House. 5-2 Rates At 8 Machin Diable. 40 11-10 Show House, 5-2 Rajone Air, 6 Hobie Philip, 10 Mistar Bee, 1

Huntingdon selections By Michael Scety 12.30 Mighty General. 1.0 Takesfence. 1.30 Ash King 2.0 Netherbridge. 2.30 Jubilee Medal. 3.0 Show House.

2.15 DEEPFIELDS CHASE (6-y-c: novices: £1,010:

Trainers' preferences

The following is a list of preferences for those horses declared at more than one of identify a macrings: Kerepton: Deddington Park, Williaghty James (12.45), Pototico (1.45), Master Melody, Deer Broadheast (3.15), Williaghty James (12.45), Pototico (1.45), Master Melody, Deer Broadheast (3.15), Williaghty James (12.45), Pototico (1.45), Master Melody, Deer Hondlaghty Melody James (12.45), Pototico (1.45), Master Melody, Deer Hondlaghty Melody (1.45), Melody (1.45), Melody Melody Melody (1.45), Melody Melody (1.45), Melody (1.

Wolverhampton

GOING: chase, good to firm; hurdles, good. 12.45 NETHERTON HURDLE (4-y-o handicap: £1,203: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

\$1,203: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

3 1413 ARISTO TREAT M Lembert 11-7 PA Cleriton
5 2420- DIMEANY D Micholon 11-4 N Medden
6 119-0 AMERICAN GRIL H O'Neil 11-2 A Medden
7 0002 RAISE THE OFFER (b) (8F) PM Taylor 11-0 A Cerrol
9 0-32b BARZIN C Wilsoms 10-12 A Webber
11 4001 CROWECOPPER (d) S Presco 10-11 (7 m) M Bestard
13 1-343 BROBURY D Haydan Jones 10-5 M Bestard
15 1000 CANTABLE (c) Lady S Brooke 10-5 A Mebber
16 1000 CANTABLE (c) Lady S Brooke 10-5 A Webber
18 1003 DUSTY FARLOW (b) R Morts 10-5 A Webber
18 1003 DUSTY FARLOW (c) R Morts 10-5 A Webber
19 03-20 CONRA J Webber 10-5 S Moresteped
20 0-030 NAJANI J Clochenousid 10-0 S Moresteped
21 02-20 CONRA J Webber 10-0 S Moresteped
22 0-000 SOMADA R Heripp 10-0
24 0-000 LANCE OF ST GEORGE J Townson 10-0 J Miss S Januer
26 00-40 RMJEFIL LADY MIR D Onions 10-0 D J Miss S Januer
27 De-10 RAISE THE Offer 5 Aristo Treat 7 Beater Starts & September 10-2 9-2 Raise The Offer, 5 Aristo Treat, 7 Pearly Steps, 8 Sandwalker, 18 ovecropper, 12 Brobury, 14 others.

1.15 OLDBURY CHASE (handicap: £1,312: 3m 2f) | 12|
| 3 14-0 GALLEON BEACH (CD) | Edwards 7-11-7 |
| 4 1-000 SPACED OUT (D) | T Balley 8-11-6 |
| 5 sip4-1 TENS OR BETTER T Foreign 9-11-6 |
| 6 sip4-1 TENS OR BETTER T Foreign 9-11-6 |
| 8 0444 CHARLES OR BETTER T FOREIGN 6-11-1 |
| 9 0-30e MRNT STREAK Ming & Kennard 7-10-1 |
| 1 1-040 PERSONALITY PLIS (CE) W Francis 7-10-6 |
| 1 0-040 STORMY SPRING (B) D Nicholson 6-10-5 |
| 1 0-050 STORMY SPRING (B) D Nicholson 6-10-5 |
| 1 0-10-1 CARLES | 10-1 13-8 Kars, 3 Knight Ot Love, 7-2 Stormy Spring, 7 Tens Or Better, 19 sections Park, 16 others.

1.45 HARRY BROWN CHASE (handicap: £3,501: 2m 48) (11)

g.11 W Sb: Times, 9-2 Mullicutry, 7 Sallymilian, 18 Lodges Fortune, 12 Pury Boy, 16 Cardina's Outburst, 25 others.

90-1 ARDENT SFY R Armytage 11-5 A Webber 9-311 GRAND HARMONY (C) Mrs M Rimell 11-5 S Morsheed 9669 DENNES AUBURN W Francis 10-12 R Crank 969-9 DENNES AUBURN W Francis 10-12 R Dickin UMU SPACE CADET R Durn 10-12 AM N Durn 7-40pd SPANISH STREAK J Fox 10-12 AM N Durn 7-40pd SPANISH STREAK J Fox 10-12 AM N Durn 7-40pd SPANISH STREAK J Fox 10-12 AM N Durn 7-40pd SPANISH STREAK J Fox 10-12 AM N DURN 7-40pd SPANISH STREAK J Fox 10-12 AM N DURN 7-40pd SPANISH STREAK J Fox 10-12 AM N DURN 7-40pd SPANISH STREAK J Fox 10-12 AM N DURN 7-40pd SPANISH STREAK J Fox 10-12 AM N DURN 7-40pd SPANISH STREAK J Fox 10-12 AM N DURN 7-40pd SPANISH STREAK J Fox 10-12 AM N DURN 7-40pd SPANISH STREAK J FOX 10-12 AM N DURN 7-40pd SPANISH STREAK 5-4 Ardent Spy, 3 Grand Harmony, 5 Stowell Grove, 8 Denwent King. Space Cadet, 12 Spanish Street, 14 others. 2.45 WALSALL HURDLE (handicap: £1,318: 2m) (20) 4 The Distanct, 5 Joulandie, 6 Princely Lad, John's Present, 8 me Sue, 12 Mollington, Moutanned, 14 others. 3.15 WERKIN HURDLE (novice: handicap: £690: 2m)

11-4 Grockie, 100-30 Jondais, 5 Indian Major, 6 Khiyet, 10 Scarlet Saga, Kashill, 14 banemos, 16 others.

Wolverhampton selections

By Our Racing Staff 12.45 Sandwalker, 1.15 Mint Streak, 1.45 Mullacurry, 2.15 Artient Spy, 2.45 John's Present, 3.15 Pit Your Wits.

Wincanton

Going Good. Television (BBC1) 1.0, 1.35, 2.5 races. 12.30 STIRRUP-CUP HURDLE (Div 1) (4-v-o Novices:

£635: 2m) (22 runners). 2535: 2m) (22 runners).

2531 FLOATING LOVER N Mitchell 11-3

2532 OUTE HOT N Avcilite 11-3

2532 OUTE HOT N Avcilite 11-3

2532 CELERIAL JET (CD) P Tory 10-12

BALLY CODE R Hodges 10-10

BEDDABLE (B) R Hodges 10-10

CRIMSON INDERTY ST Harrie 10-10

OCHERY DILLY K Baley 10-10

FUN PARTINER T FORSE 10-10

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GOLDEN HARSTRE J Getterd 10-10

4034 BNCA THEF S May 10-10

LITTLE ROCK D Nicholson 10-10

PALMERSTON D Barons 10-10

TOWERING R Bushensy 10-10

TOWERING R Bushensy 10-10

50-00

DARTICAN D TUCKET 10-5

0 DEL MAR R Bradegion 10-5

80-00

PERDEE FREE T Hallett 10-5

D MESTY LOUGH I, Kannerd 10-5

28 SEVER MAND M Picches 10-5

SEVER MAND M PICCHES 10-5

10-5 8 TOT OF BRANDY R Hodges 10-5 __ 4 WILD CORN W Fisher 10-5 ____ M O'Halloren

7-2 Floating Lover, 4 Wild Corn, 11-2 Zincon's Sun, 6 Citems Jet, 8 Silver Metcl, 10 Derby Day, 12 Crimson Knight, Goldon Minstral. 14 1.0 DAILY MIRROR CHASE (handicap: conditional

jockeys: £2,141: 2m) (13) G Cherine-Jones

18 2021 CROWING MOMENT (B) (D) | Wardle 6-10-7 (8 ex) 19 1fth METELA R E Pocock 7-10-7 100-30 Mädnight Song, 7-2 Lucytar, 4 Water Rock, 6 Crowning Iment, 15-2 Fer Bridge, 12 Ultrar, Tudor Road, 14 Fire Drill, 18 others. 1.35 CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE HANDICAP (£3,254:

2m 6f) (24).

2 1112: SWANKY STAR D Gardollo 7-11-10.

5 04-12 OMEEN'S RIDE (D) 1/6's J Pirman 5-11-6 (8 ex)

6 040-8 KNIGHTHOOD A Turnell 8-11-5.

7 4102 KNIGHTHOOD A Turnell 8-11-5.

9 3130 ROAD TO MANDALAY D Berons 8-11-2.

10 12-0 ANGEL BANK JA Edwards 8-11-2.

11 210-1 BUCKER (C) D Gondollo 4-10-13 (8 ex). C Brown 14 1791 SAMEDRIN 8 Belowin 8-10-12 (4 ex). At 5 Sherwood 16 08-23. COCANE (C) S Patternore 5-10-10.

19 1001 MAC KELLY T Busin 8-10-9.

11 (810-1 MAC'S TRASHING J C16 8-10-8.

22 3110 LUCKY GEORGE (C) L Uphthrown 5-10-8. P Nichols 22 3120. MINIERS LODGE (C) W Fisher 10-10-8. M O'Halloran 24 -1p03. CANIO R Hodges 6-10-4.

23 310-0 TUGBOAT (S) P Witchell 4-10-3.

24 30-00 TUGBOAT (S) P Witchell 4-10-3.

25 3-0331 HEGTON BEAU G KINGERING 4-10-2.

26 30-331 HEGTON BEAU G KINGER (S) J Fox 11-10-1. S Moore 7.

31 10-00 PORTUNE COOKE (G) J Fox 11-10-1. S Moore 7.

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12.45 RISBY HURDLE (selling: £580: 2m) (19runners)

3 Ronysol, 4 Yo-Ho, 9-2 Not Easy, 5 Better Bid, Buy Transport, 8 top Bay, 10 Marnio's Girl, 14 others. 1.15 LIMBER HILL CHASE (novices: £1,042: 2m) (11)

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.45 KILVINGTON HURDLE (handicap: £1,814: 2m 2 22-bi GRINDERS (CO) E Carter 5-12-0 (7-ex) _____C Piralott 4 2011 SANDMOOR COURT (D) H Westbrook 5-11-8 (7-ex) ____

9-4 Grinders, 11-4 Sandmoor Court, 7-2 Macs Gift, 5 King of Stress, 8 Odic, 12 others.

2.5 BETTER BET CORAL CHASE (handicap: £1,954: 5 3-040 TOM'S LITTLE AL (B) (CD) W Williams 7-11-5

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15 114-0 LUSKY REW T Bulgon 8-10-9

16 114-4 PIZZA (CD) N Gaselee 18-10-5 V McKevid

20 22/13-1 COMRES (D) R Hodges 7-10-5 V McKevid

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2.35 HARRY DUFOSEE CHASE (handicap: £1,970: 10-00 DODDINGTON PARK N Gassies 10-12-0 9 Dpp-0
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3.15 STIRRUP-CUP HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-a novices P639: 2m) (23)

9-4 Rose Raves, 7-2 Deep Impression, 4 Septettle, 6 The Reject, 10 Horrors, 12 Brave Maiden, 16 others.

Wincanton selections By Michael Phillips
12.30 Derby Dilly, 1.0 Water Rock, 1.35 Rigton Beau, 25 Lodge's Fortune, 2.35 Koga Way, 3.5 Rose Ravine.

2.15 BRUCE CARR CHASE (novices: £2,139.3m) (16)

15-8 Red Mills, 11-4 Forgive N' Forget, 7-2 Brunton Park, 5-strome, 10 Stewarts, 14-1 others. 2.45 ACCURATE HURDLE (novices: £837; 2m) (19) -7-4 Keelyby Kavalier, 11-4 Chuckbuck, 6-2 Noble Philip, 13-2 renombre, 10 Molon Lave, 12 Song Ministrel, 16 others.

3.15 KERNEL CHASE (handicap: £1,501: 2m) (8) 9/042 GAY INVADER (D) G Flatcher 9-10-5 PBertow 1230 DEAR REPRUS (D) J Harris 11-10-5 PHIO1 9006 WARREN GORSE (CD) O Breamen 6-10-5 C PINION 9006 WARREN GORSE (CD) S Avery 9-10-5 13-8 Londolozi, 9-4 Royal Radar, 9-2 Mr Marisbridge, 6 Gay Invader,

Market Rasen selections By Michael Seely
12.45 Marnie's Girl. 1.15 Cybrandian. 1.45 Cap Too.
2.15 Red Mills. 2.45 Chuckbuck. 3.15 Londologi.

Cheitenham race before she has even jumped a hurdle in public.

Toby Balding, the filly's trainer, and Miss Bridger Swire, her owner-breeder, thought long and hard before deciding to campaign her over hurdles. "She is a valuable property and we were not sure whether to risk her". Balding said. "But she has schooled really well. Whether to risk her". Balding said.
"But she has schooled really well loves soft ground and Miss Swire is keen that she should take her chance. My only doubt is that she is not very big."

So True will have her first run in the Finels County to the race in

the Finale Hurdle - the race in which Decent Fellow, also trained by Balding, made his debut seven years ago. Decent Fellow, who is rated by Balding the best horse he has trained, went on to finish second in the 1977 Triumph Hurdle and won the Irish Sweeps Hurdle

ater that year. "If she runs well at Chepstow, she will then take in the Stroud Green Will then take in the Stroud Green Hurdle at Newbury and the KP Hurdle at Kempton before tackling the Triumph", Balding said. The iuvenile championship has never been won by a filly, but Balding confirmed that the Triumph was "very much" her target.

Regardless of how she fares over hurdles. So True stays in training for the 1984 Flat season and Bailding already has her earmarked for a group two race at Sandown in April. This year she beat Shareef Dancer, the substantial for the stay of the s the subsequent Irish Sweeps Derby winner, at level weights in the Esher Cup at Sandown and twice finished second in group company, chasing home Give Thanks in the Musidora Stakes at York and Jupiter Island in the St Simon at Newbury. All these



Toby Balding: expanding his

Flat team. her preference for some give underfoot means she will have a better chance than most high-class Fair recruits of reproducing her best

over hurdles. over hurdles.

Balding and Miss Swire have high hopes of a big-race double on Tuesday, as Lucky Vane has a leading chance in the Coral Welsh National. The eight-year-old has won his only two races this season at Devon and Exeter and Warwick and he has been trained with the Chepstow race in mind this winter rather than the Grand National. "We may still have a crack at Aintree, but time is on our side and

we'll probably wait util next season," Balding said, The Weyhill trainer is enjoying his best start to a season for several

Leaders over the jumps

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6 302 Pampered Gipsy 4-11-5 John Williams 12.15 SOUTH WEST HURDLE (Div I, 8 0/00 Henrys Weech 4-11-3 Fort 1: novices: £756; 2m 150yd) (11 10 408 Middleton See (B) 4-11-1 George Kright

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Jessica Turner 7
16 000 Mickey Tim 8-11-10

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1.45 SOUTH DEVON HURDLE (handicap: £2,649: 2m 5t 110yd) (18)

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2.15 CHRISTMAS HURDLE (selling: handicap: £576: 2m 150yd) (16) 3 1/40 Resies 5-11-7

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2.45 WEST COUNTRY CHASE (handicap: £3,052: 3m 2f 100yd) (11) 1 211- Annagnac Princess 11-11-12

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28 0f/ Wayward Cottage 7-11-5 C Sourse 7 13-8 Sammy Lux. 3 Indian Major. 3.45 **SOUTH WEST HURDLE** (Div II: Part 2: novices: £760: 2m 150yd) (11)

2 A Airship 5-11-10 G Davies
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NEWTON ABBOT SELECTIONS: 12.15 Litton Miss. 12.45 Composer. 1.15 Hever. 1.45 Rigton Beau. 2.15 Pampered Gipsy. 2.45 Cantord Ginger. 3.15 Squire Trelewny. 3.45 Arship.

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Going: Good to soft 12.45 HARDWICK HURDLE (Selling: handicap: £486: 2011-07 3 0-34 Rich Discovery 7-11-7 Mr T Jeffrey 7

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5-2 Mengalask, 7-2 Sunspeed, 9-2 Chaperon, 6 Lord Charles. 1.15 MORDON HURDLE (Dhr. 1: 3-y-o: novices: £345: 2m) (6) p Glotning 10-12 _____ D Davies 7
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20 0-00 Billoy 5-10-1 _____ A Harris

2.15 BRADBURY CHASE (handicap: £1,388: 3m 600yd) (13)

2 31-1 Little Frenchman 10-11-13 (7 ex) DOUBTFLI 2 31-1 Little Frenchman 10-11-13 (7 ex)
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19 000 Yufa (B) 10-10-0 ... T D Deviss 7
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3.15 MORDON HURLDE (DIV II: 3-y-o novices: £345; 2m) (10)

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DEATHS BLOOMFIELD, On 'Dec 22, peace-fully, Cyril Ceorge, aged 79, Barber Emerilus, Belgit ed husband, Lather and grandfather Private cremation followed by a thatsolving and re-membrance service at Christ Charch, Radiett. 3 pm Friday, Dec 30, Family flowers only please Any donations to the Church of England Children's Soriety

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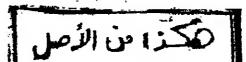
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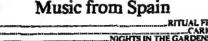
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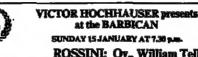
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From Our Correspondent, Beirut

Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, paid a pre-Christmas visit to the British wrong here, it could affect our peace-keeping force here yester-day and praised the "skilful commitment by the very lim-ited number of British soldiers" shook hands with the soldiers. He was accompanied by Air in protecting Britain's interests.

He said the 97-man British contingent of the multi-national force was "playing quite a troops.

Although Mr Heseltine met the building where the Lebanese Ceasefire Committee has been to the building where the Lebanese counterpart, during his one-day Ceasefire Committee has been meeting to try to hold together the truce agreement.

Asked about the likelihood that the British contingent would be withdrawn he replied: "I do not want to talk about pulling out. What we are trying ment has for what they, are to do is encourage the dialogues doing, he said. that are going on.

and one must realize there are Clash over Arafat photograph, implications.

"It is very possible that if

Mr Heseltine chatted and He was accompanied by Air Vice-Marshal Donald Hall, They brought Christmas trees,

visit, he said it was intended mainly to bring greetings to the

beer, cakes, and cards for the

British soldiers.
"I: thought it would be particularly appropriate to come here and indicate the great gratitude that the Govern-

Mr Heseltine added: There Hernu, the French Defence are risks even to Britain if this Minister, arrived here yesterday situation is to escalate. One and declared that he would be must realize that the super- spending Christmas with the powers are very close to each French contingent of the multiother in this part of the world national force, Beirut radio said

Moral stance may leave Salvation Army helpless

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

homeless and hungry people in organization which does not New York, is in danger of losing comply and claims the Sal-the £3.5m it gets from the city vation Army is a lone voice authority because of its views among thousands.
on homosexuality. The charity
said its conservative interpretations in New York. A. ation makes it difficult for it to spokesman said the money it comply with an order issued by gets from the city is a Mayor Edward Koch.

the city must agree not to affect it discriminate against workers or job applicants on the grounds of race, creed colour, origin, sex, homosexuals who need help. Its age, handicap, marital status, view on homosexuality is that sexual orientation, or affectional preference".

The Salvation Army does not

include the last two categories conduct in its employment policy the

The Salvation Army, which demands. The city says it helps thousands of distressed cannot do business with an

Mayor Edward Koch. Substantial part of its budget Contractors who deal with and the loss would severely

The Salvation Army says it does not discriminate against homosexuals who need help. Its "we will object to the conduct and embrace in Christian love the person guilty of

The city and the charity are order trying to resolve the difficulty.

Pentagon critical of senior officers

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

The US Joint Chiefs of Staff are considering reecommending disciplinary action against senior officers responsible for the security of the Marine compound in Beirut destroyed by a car bomb on October 23, when 241 servicemen died.

Their decision will be based on the findings of a special commission headed by retired Admiral Robert Long, set up by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Secretary of State, to look into the incident,

Although the report has not yet been made public, Mr Weinberger has said that it is critical and blames a number of people for not exercizing what in hindsight would have been According to the New York
Times, the Pentagon report
contains similar criticisms to

those made in a separate Congressional study into the bombing made public earlier this week.

The study, prepared by a House armed services subcommittee, concluded that "very serious errors in judgment" by officers on the ground and up through the chain of command had left the Marines vulnerable

The Pentagon report, which is expected to be made public shortly (although with sections deleted) is said to blame military officers in Washington, European command (which has overall responsibility for US troops in Lebanon) and in Beirut.

Two of the officers maned in the report are General Paul Kelly, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Colonel Timothy Geraghty, who was the Marine commander in Beicut at the time of the attack.

General Kelley was criticized in the Congressional report for providing inaccurate infor-mation to the House subcommittee. However, Mr Weinberger defended General Kelly during a television interview this week, saying he had not deliberately misled Congress but had merely reported information that was available to him at the time.



Identical car made to trace bombers

Continued from page 1

another operation had been and their relatives. Chelsea carried out on Police Constable police station has received more John Gordon, who lost a leg in than £14,000 and the Sun more the blast, was intended to prevent the loss of his other leg.

Inspector Stephen Dodd's launched by Harrods, began condition deteriorated during with £50,000. Mr Alec Crad-the day. After difficulties with the day. After difficulties with on a dialysis machine.

raised for the bomb's victims

dock, its managing director. his kidney function, he was put said that offers of money had come from as far away as More than £70.000 has been Iceland.

Mrs Sara Jones, widow of blast (the Press Association Colonel "H" Jones, who was killed in the Falklands, has also agreed to be a trustee of the

 The Harrods bombers had earned "universal detestation", a Roman Catholic priest said yesterday at the funeral of Mr Philip Geddes, aged 24, a Daily Express journalist killed in the reports). Almost 500 mourners packed St Mary's Church in Mr Geddes home town of Barrowin-Furness. Cumbria, for a

requiem mass addressed by Father Robert Bickerstaffe. Relatives of Sergeant Noel Lane had asked for no publicity to be given to his cremation yesterday at Croydon Crematorium. Fifty Metropolitai :-man, attended the ceremony. The funeral of Woman Polic Constable Jane Arbuthnot age
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of the bombing, will be beld to the bombing.
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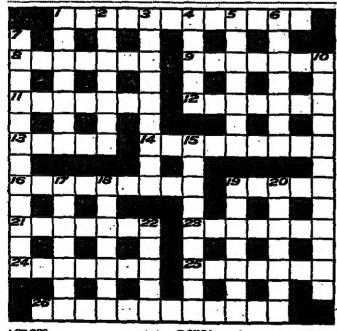
Carols and services

Carols, Church of Christ the King. 7.30.
Midnight Holy Communion.
Guards Chapel. Birdcage Walk.
11.30. Midnight Mass, St Clen Danes, Strand, 11,30.





The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,318



1 Mathematical technique

11 Red-nosed heart-throb (7).

13 Prisoner very brave to show this

16 it's rammed roughly half-way

19 Fish I caught and ground (5).

24 A lot of rope (7).

tended parliamentary vote (4-8). 8 Doesn't eat right in the sticks

12 More prepared to pass on and

between the banks (9). 21 Roundhead measure upset (7).
23 This train has no brakes, we hear
18 Threesome - 30 round in it (7).

Chelsea, 11.45.
Carols, 6.30, carols on steps with
Salvation Army band, 9, midnight
Mass, 11.30, St Martin's-in-the-Midnight Mass, St Marylebone Parish Church, 11,30. Carols, 6, midnight Mass. 11.30, St Pancras Church.

Carols with blessing of the crib, 4



A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times. Saturday Crossword Competition. 13 Coley Street, London WC99 9YI. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

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ACROSS

24. A fot of rope (1).

25 Thief makes little noise, right?

20 One who pays for damage to

clues is on page 25 of today's Saturday section.

1 Lover who used to swim and look around (7). 2 Chamberlain and kingmaker (7).

Let off free (9). Rev motor after six (5). girl (7). 6 Wilde's not second in a wind instrument . . (7). ... with most left out, im

15 improperly, romp led on a sucker (5,4).

17 Money left in around the Post Office is tied up (7).

19 Cutter's crew getting noticed (4-

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Old Father Time

Beacons, firework displays, torch-light processions and other festiv-ties are being arranged at 200 venues throughout the country to welcome in the new year.

To find out what is happening in

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January 5: Harvey Nichols; Ben-talls, all branches; Fortuum and Mason, Piccadilly: Lilleywhites, Piccadilly Circus; Long Tall Sally. January 6: Harrods. January 7: Reject Shop; David Mellor.

The papers

One of the joys, or sorrows, of hristmas is to look around and see low we as a zation are doing. And the answer must be pretty well, the Daily Express says. "The jingle of the cash registers tells its own story. A country that can clear the store shelves of home computers to the time of half-a-million sets at up to £200 a time, can't be doing badly."

The Sun asks readers to spare a thought for the five families who.

were bereaved by the Harrods bomb. "But the real message of Christmas is that hope never dies." Reflecting on the many people who are not regular churchgoers who go to church on Christmas Day, the Daily Mail says: "The last thing they want is a sermon with a political message or the well-meaning views of a clergyman who might just as well be a social worker."

Cooking a turkey

For those stranded without a recipe for roast turkey:

The slow roasting method is generally better if time permits. For very large birds it is not always practicable. Set the turkey on a rack in a shallow roasting tin and baste it every 15 to 20 minutes throughout cooking time. It is ready when the juices run clear. Test with a skewer in the thickest part of the leg close to the body.

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Here's to you!

In case of cold, or colds, over the holiday, here is a punch with a difference - limy rather than spicy: Gently warm a pound of syrup in a pan, add a bottle of dark rum, the juice and chopped rinds of 12 limes, and half a pint of orange juice. Keep at low simmer for 10 minutes. Serve

Shoplifters' counsel

Christmas is one of the peak periods for shoplifting, this year, an organization formed to help those accused of such offences is just getting into its stride. It just getting into its stride. It calls itself Crisis Counselling for alleged Shoplifters and offers moral support and waretical advice to those who may practical advise to those who may feel that they have been wrongly accused. Cases involving children are especially welcome. CCAS is c/o NCPC, London, NW4 (write sending a 30p stampted addressed

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The banks reopen after the Christmas break on Wednesday, December 28, but will be shut again

on January 2 and in Scotland on

Bank holidays

In the garden

Water houseplants regularly but carefully. Do not overwater or allow pots to stand in a saucer of water for more than two or three bours. Cyclamen do not adapt quickly to a changed environment. They will need plenty of water; stand the pot what the plant has not taken up after fall on the young buds; they may rot. Keep eyelamen in a cool room - the hall may be a good place - where the temperature does not rise much

above 60°F. house plants for aphids, greenfly and similar pests; spray if necessary if we can spray our apples, plums or cherry trees, including the ornamental forms of prunes, with a tar oil winter wash in the next two or three weeks, next year's aphid population would be reduced enormously. Tar oil also cleans the trees and deciduous shrubs of green

Roads

Although most big roadworks have been suspended over Christmas there could still be delays at the

mas there could still be delays at the following:
London and South-east: A40:
Western Avenue between Horsenden Lane and Medway Parade, new layout; long delays. M20: from A20: (junction 5/Maidstone West) to V, mile E of A249 (junction 7 Sheerness/Sittingbourne). major reconstruction: contraflow traffic on both carriageways: avoid if possible. M25: Southbound between junctions 28 and 30 (A12 to A13) lines. ions 28 and 30 (A12 to A13) Lane closures; extra care, reduce speed.
Wales and West: A55: Construction of Bangor bypass, Gwynedd;
traffic restrictions. M4: Lane

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North: M1: Repairs between junctions 33 and 34, South Yorks:

contrallow; delays expected. A575: Sewer scheme causing diversions at Egerton Street. Farmworth, Greater Manchester.

Midlands: A38: Repairs to Burton upon Trent bypass; two-way traffic on one carriageway and diversion at Clay Mills, A46: Lane closures at Warwick bypass, A1: Roadworks N of Norman's Cross,

Cambridgeshire; contrallow south-

bound.
Scotland: A92: Road realignment Scotland: A92: Road realignment one mile N of Glenrothes; northbound carriageway closed: care required. A75: Repairs at Buccleuch Street Bridge, Dumfries; one lane only in each direction. A7: Surface damage and road widening south of Gorebridge; single-lane traffic controlled by lights.

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Anniversaries

Births: King John, Oxford (?), 1167 (?); George Crabbie, poet. Aldeburgh, Sutfolk, 1754; James Prescott Joule, physicist, Salford, Lancashire, 1818; Matthew Arnold, Ramon Jiménez, poet. 1956, Moguer, Spain, 1881. Deaths: John Dunstable, composer, London, 1453; William Makepeace Thackeray,London, 1863. Births: Sir Issac Newton, Woolsthorpe, Liocolnshire, 1642; William Collins, Chichester, 1721; Aleksandr Scriabin, composer, Moscow, 1871; Mohammed Ali Jinnah, creator of Pakistan, Karasaki 1672; Manaine Heille, painter

chi, 1876; Maurice Utrille, painter, Paris, 1883, Karel Capek, writer, died in Prague, 1938.

Weather

6am to midnight

SE, veering SW, sea rough or very rough. Streat of Dover, English Channel (E), St George's Channel: Wind SW, strong to gale; sea rough or very rough. Irist Sea: Wind SE, veering SW, strong to gale; sea rough or very rough.

TOMORROW

TODAY
Londox 4.25 pm to 7.35 am
Bristot 4.35 pm to 7.45 am
Edinburgh 4.11 pm to 8.14 am
Manchester 4.23 pm to 7.55 am
Penzance 4.53 pm to 7.50 am TOMORROW
London 4-26 pm to 7-36 am
Bristol 4-36 pm to 7-45 am
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Renchester 4-23 pm to 7-55 am
Penzance 4-54 pm to 7-51 am

Around Britain

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A trough of low pressure will

move N across most districts.

London, SE, Central S, SW England, East Anglia, Midlands (E), Channel Islands: Rather cloudy but mostly dry at first, rain later; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).

E, Central N, NE England, Midlands (W): Rain at first, heavy in places, becoming mainly dry with bright intervals; wind mainly SW, fresh; max temp 10 to 11C (50 to 52F). temp 10 to 11C (50 to 52F).

Wales, NW England, Lake District, lale of Man, Northern Ireland: Rain et first, heavy in places, becoming mainty dry but cloudy. What mainty SW, fresh or strong: max temp 9 to 10C (48 to 50F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow Argylz Cloudy with rain at times, snow in places at first, chiefly on hills, mainty dry later, wind E, strong, locally gale, pecoming SW, fresh or strong, max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

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temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland: Sleet or snow spreading from S, heavy et times with drifting, but turning to rain at low level; wind E, strong, locally gale, becoming SW later; max temp 4 to 6C (39 to 43F).

Orimey, Shetland: Sunny intervals and scattered snow showers at first, more persistent sleet or snow later with some drifting; wind E, moderate, increasing strong, locally gale; max temp 1 to 3C (34 to 37F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Boxing Day; Rather cloudy with rain in places at first, becoming dry with some sunshine; near normal temperature.

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TODAY Moon rises: Moon set 9,24 pm 11,34 em r: December 26 Last Quarter:

10.48 pm Last Quarter: Tomorrow

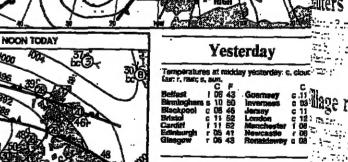
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High tides TODAY Tide measurement is

Abroad MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog: r, rain; s, sun; an, anow; th, thunder."

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south-west London on Friday. ...



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